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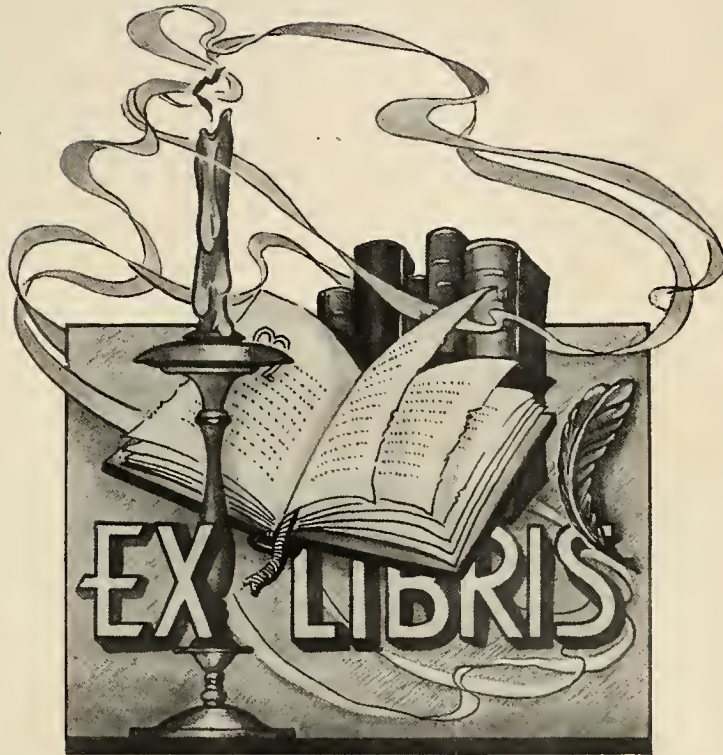


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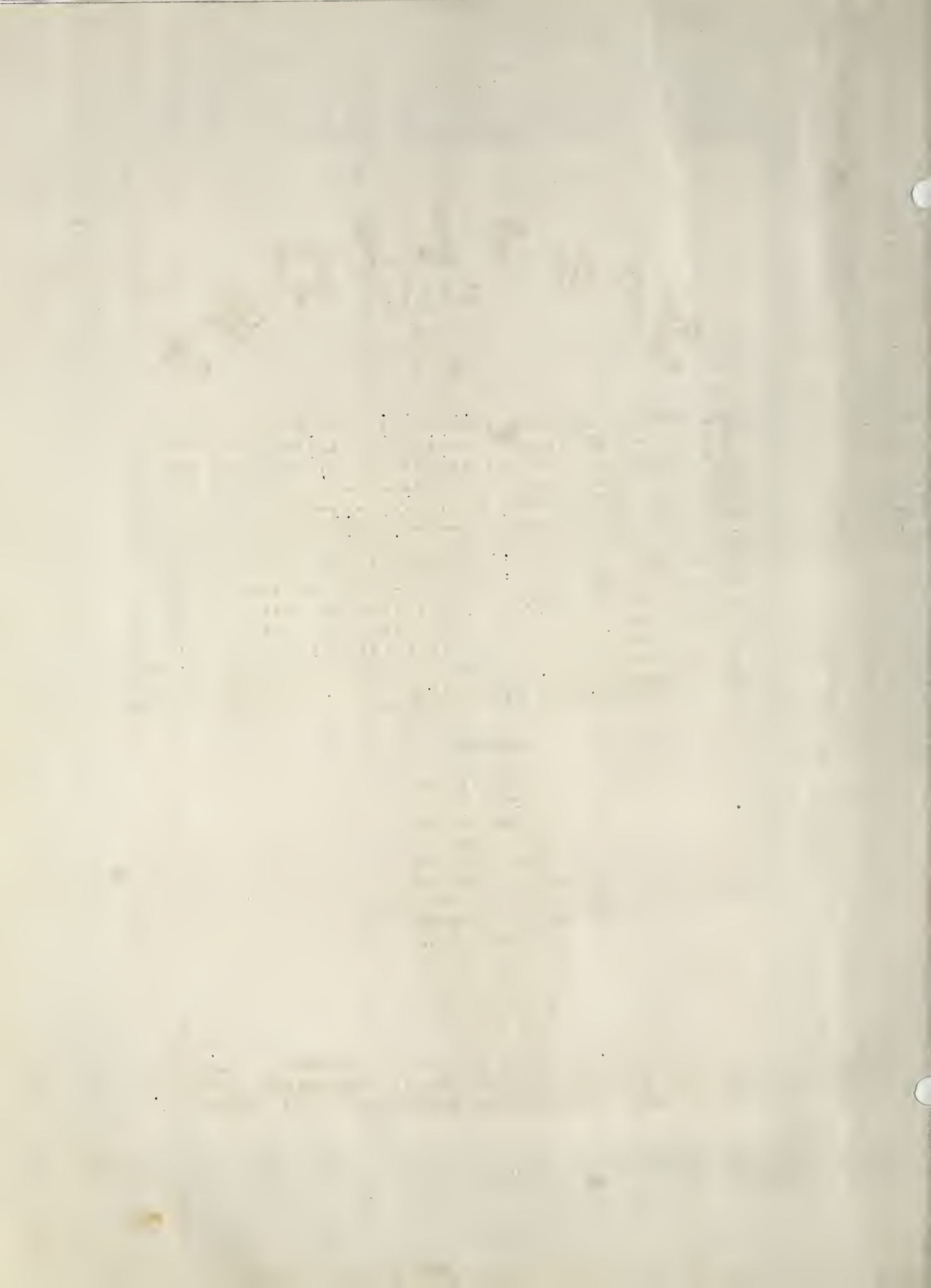
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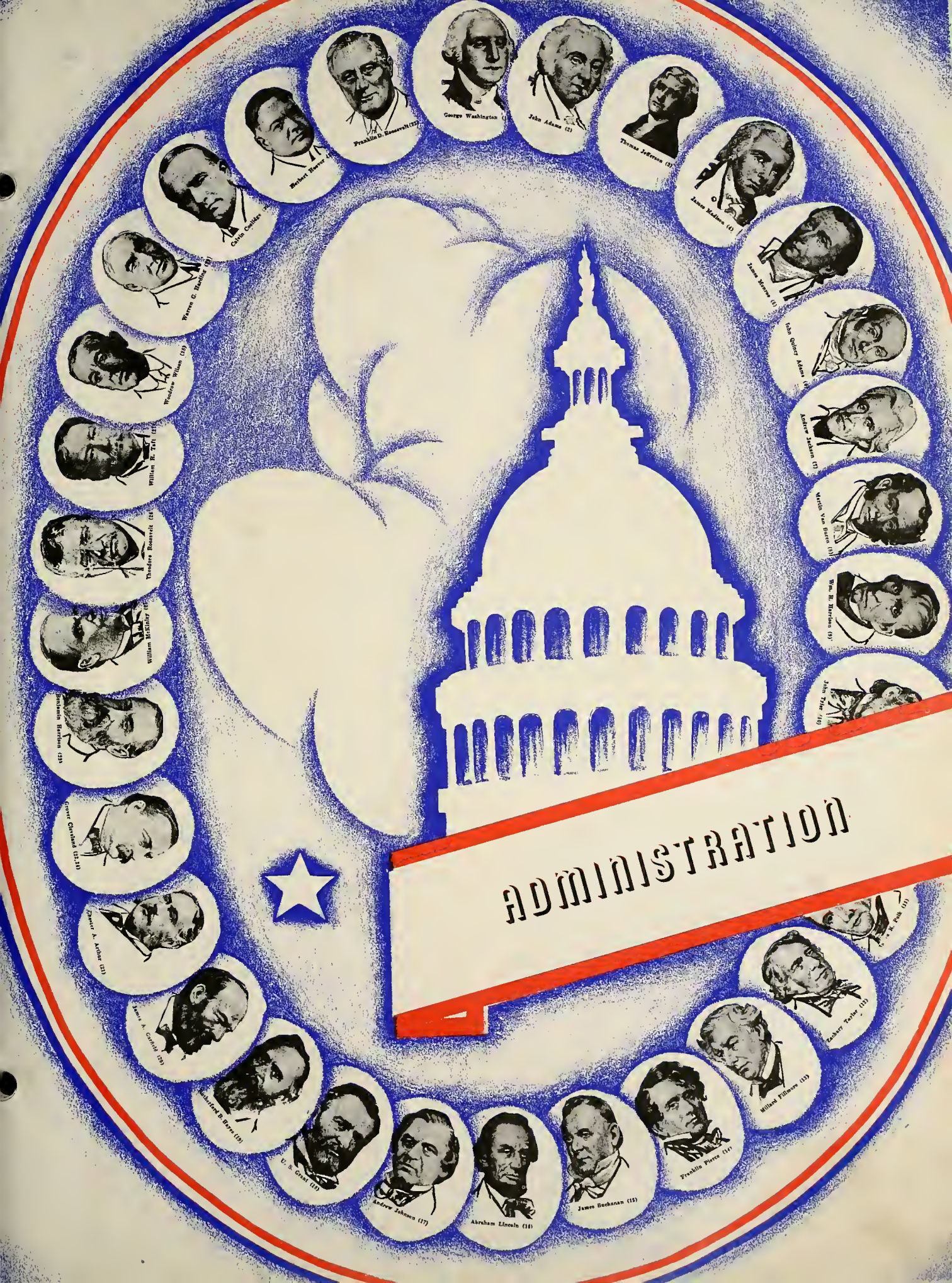
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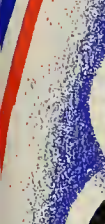
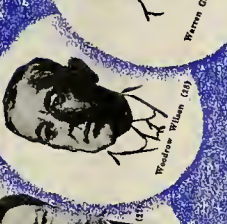
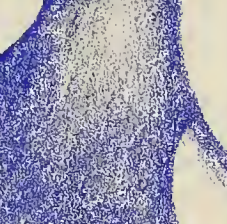
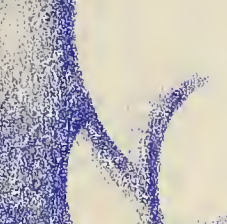
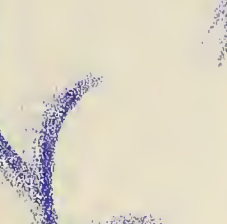
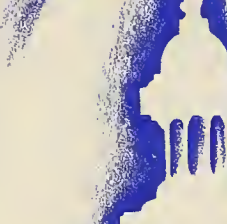
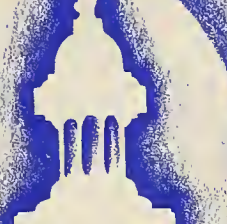
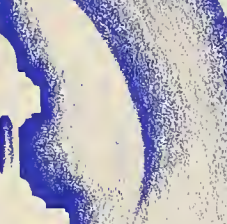
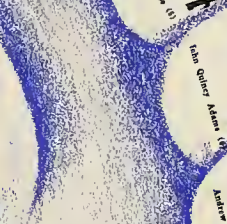
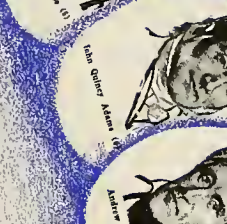
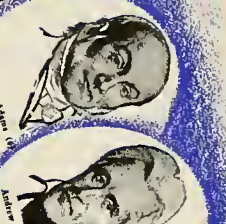
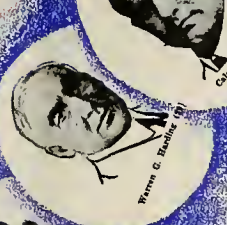
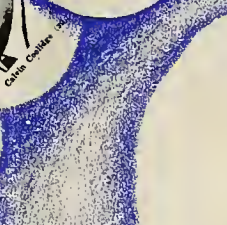
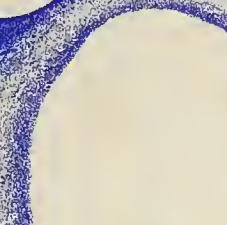
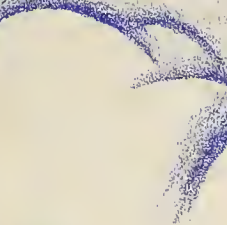
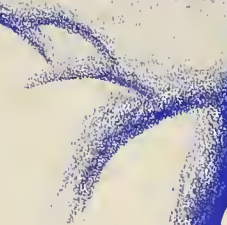
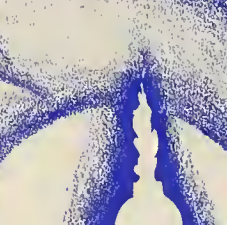
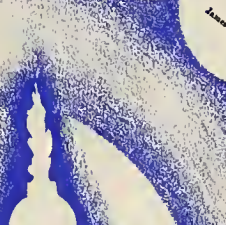
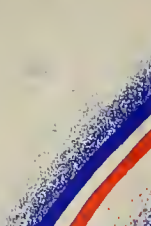
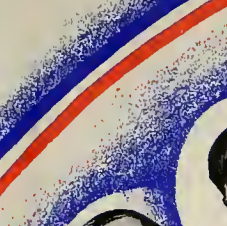
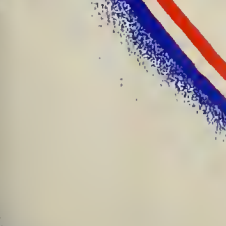
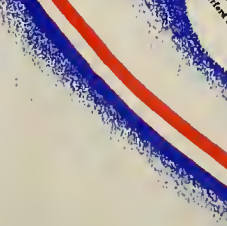
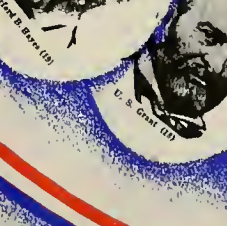
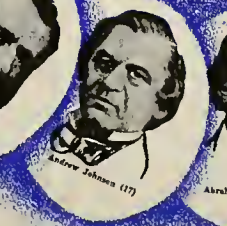
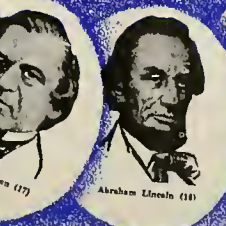
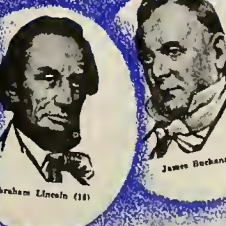
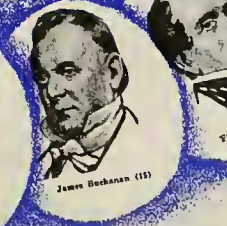
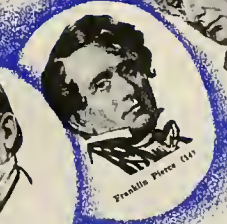
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# ADMINISTRATION









## PLEASANT MILLS SCHOOL HISTORY

It was in the year of 1918, that the Pleasant Mills school was built. It wasn't finished in time for school to start, there-fore, school didn't start till October.

There was an enrollment of 45 pupils, 21 Freshmen, no Sophomores, and 4 Juniors. The first graduating class consisted of four boys. It was said they were the smartest pupils in school.

The first Principal was Robert J. Mann. The first teachers were Lorraine Foster, and Fannie Cowan.

In the year 1938, in October 22, the new part of the High School took its place beside the High School of 1918.

There were three different petitions befor the building was constructed. Yost Bros. were the constructors.

All together the building cost \$58,000; the Government paid \$32,000 and the Township paid \$26,000.

The Building consists of three class rooms, two dressing rooms; gymnasium, which is eighty feet and six inches by fifty-one feet; stage, which is sixty feet by seventeen feet; and the bleachers, which will seat 300 people. The gymnasium will seat approximately 750 people.



SCHOOLHOUSE



MRS. YAGER



MRS. ANDREWS



MR. FOLEY, Principal



Mr. Coppess





### TEACHER'S HISTORY

Mrs. Yager--Teacher of Home Ec., Bookkeeping, Latin and Typing. Was a graduate of Decatur High School, and from Indiana University at Bloomington. She has an A. B. Degree of Education.

Mrs. Andrews--Teacher of English and History graduated from Decatur High School. She attended Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, and graduated from De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana with the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

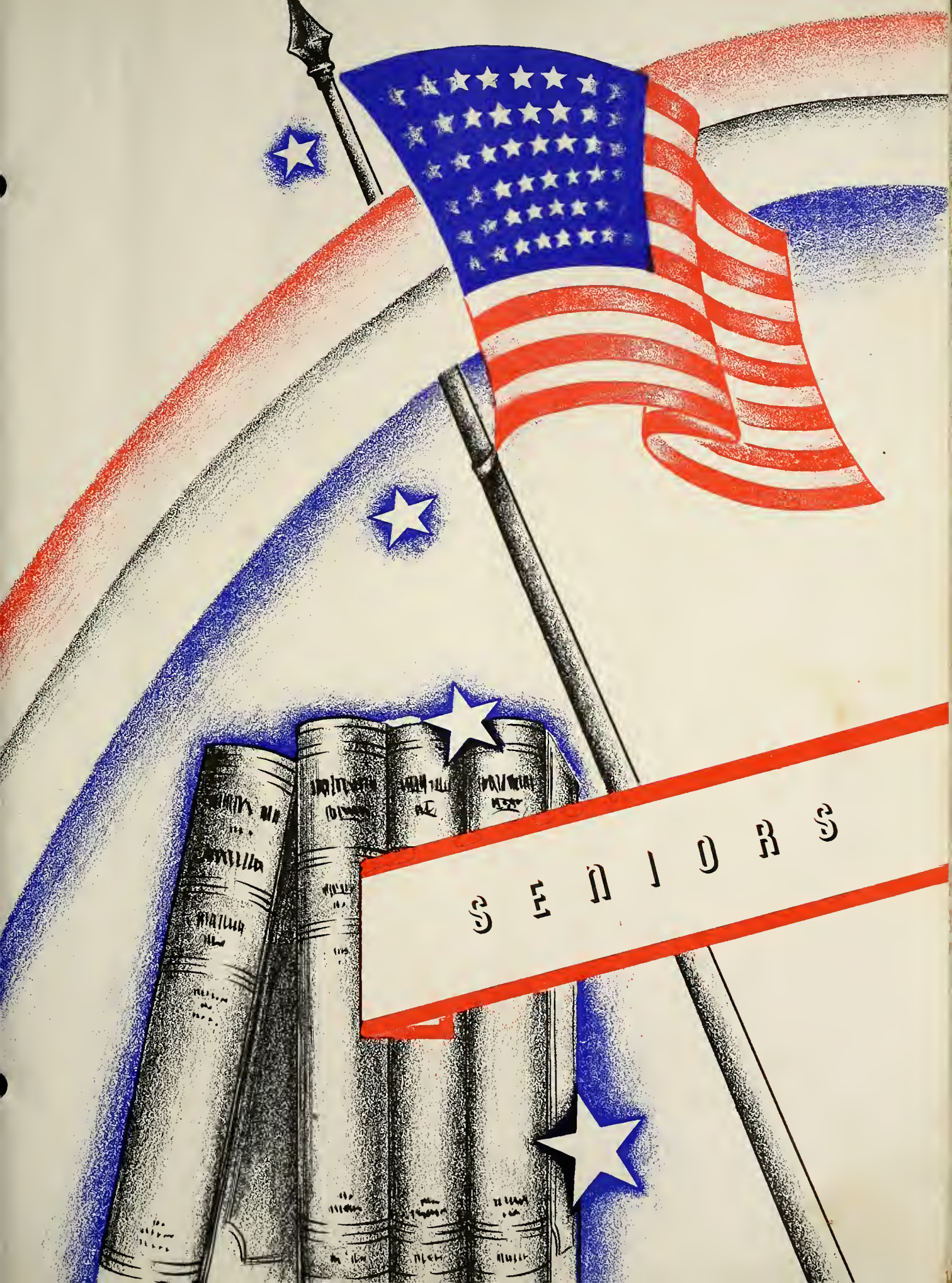
Mrs. Huff--Of Star City, Indiana resigned her duties of teaching at the end of the first semester.

Mr. Coppess--Coach, and teacher of Agriculture, Physical Education, Junior Business, and Health. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1921 and from Ball State College in Muncie in 1928. He has his majors in Industrial Arts and Biology. His hobbies are fishing and eating.

Mr. Foley--Principal, and teacher of Physics, Algebra, History and Geometry. He graduated from Tocsin, Indiana and from Indiana University in 1925 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and from Ball State College in 1936, with a Master Degree in Education. His hobby is teaching school.







SENIORS





## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1941, the present Senior Class opened the doors of Pleasant Mills High. There were forty-five very green but willing Freshmen.

Two parties were held during the year, one at the home of Lee Speakman and a roller skating party at SunSet. The following officers were elected for the year:

President.....Richard Kelly  
Vice-President.....Doris Shoaf  
Sec. & Treas.....Alyce Gilpin  
Sponsor.....Mrs. Fortney

Coming back in September thirty-six Sophomores returned to school with a strong determination to do their part.

There were two parties held during the season at the homes of Betty Adelblue and Lu Anna Johnson. The class officers were:

President.....Donald Strayer  
Vice-President.....Veda Williamson  
Sec. & Treas.....Alyce Gilpin  
Sponsor.....Mr. Ross

At the beginning of our Junior Year the following officers were chosen:

President.....Wilma Bailey  
Vice-President.....Jean Ray  
Sec. & Treas.....Cleora White  
Sponsor.....Mrs. Yager

One party was held at the home of Veda Williamson. We presented the class play, "Professor, How Could You", which proved to be a great success.

We came back in the fall, known as DIGNIFIED SENIORS. Our class officers were:

President.....James Daniels  
Vice-President.....Robert Miller  
Sec. & Treas.....Cleora White  
Sponsor.....Mr. Foley

We had one party at Hanna Nuttman Park. Our class was broken up, when several of our boys went to serve Uncle Sam. Burvil Watkins went into the Army in October. In January, Jim Daniels and Don Strayer enlisted in the navy. Ernie Querin completed his schooling at Christmas time and didn't return the 2nd semester. Twenty-five seniors received their diplomas.

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THE BOYS  
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"UNCLE SAM"



BURVIL WATKINS



JAMES DANIELS



DONALD STRAYER





# SENIORS



Wilma Bailey	Jean Ray
Verona Perry	Mary Ross
Doris Ryer	Lerman Ross
Joanne Chronister	Ernie Querin
James Daniels	Lee Speakman
Eileen Gephart	Marvin Sprunger
Verlyn Geyer	Donald Strayer
Otto Huffman	Lee Whitacre
Lu Anna Johnson	Cleora White
Betty Lichtenberger	Wella Williamson
Dora Mae McCullough	Curvil Watkins
Dean McMillen	Betty Young
Robert Miller	



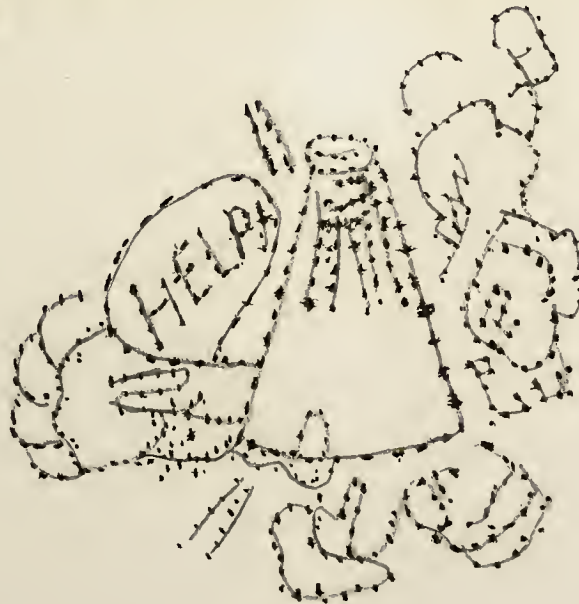
### WILMA LEAH BAILEY

On the tenth day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, a little baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, who at that time lived in Union township of Adams County. They gave her the name of Wilma Leah. She is now an attractive girl about five feet four and a half inches tall. She has dark brown hair and green eyes. She weighs one hundred and fifteen pounds.

At the age of six she started to the Irwin School in Union Township and went there for her first two and a half years and the remainder at P.M. H.S. She took part in the Junior play when she was a Junior.

Wilma's hobbies are reading and writing letters to her boy friends, mostly Burvil Watkins but others occasionally. Wilma is cheerleader and does her job very well and likes to do it. Her best friend is Cleora White although she has many others, especially the boys.

Her favorite subjects are Literature and Mathematics. She also likes to take part in out-door sports.







## VERONA JEAN BERRY

On one hot day on July 1, 1926, the stork arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Berry in Mercer County, near Rockford, Ohio. Bringing them a beautiful little baby girl weighing  $9\frac{1}{2}$  pounds. They named this plump little girl Verona Jean.

When Verona was seven years old, she began her schooling at Willshire, Ohio. Then Verona was transferred and finished her eight grades at North Brick. She started as a Freshman at Pleasant Mills. While Verona was a freshman, there was a plump little boy that liked Verona very much. His name was Alva Myers. About that time some one else came around the corner by the name of Ensign Henry Worthman and took Verona from Alva. Verona is hoping someday to become the wife of Ensign Henry Worthman, who is now serving overseas.

Verona's hobby is embroidery and reading interesting books. Her best pal is Betty Lichtenberger.







## DORIS DELIGHT BYER

On November 11, 1927, a little girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Byer, who at the time lived in Blue Creek Twp. After thinking for a while of a name to give her they finally named her Doris Delight.

Doris is now an attractive girl who stands 5 feet 6 inches, she has blue eyes and blonde hair. She weighs 108 lbs.

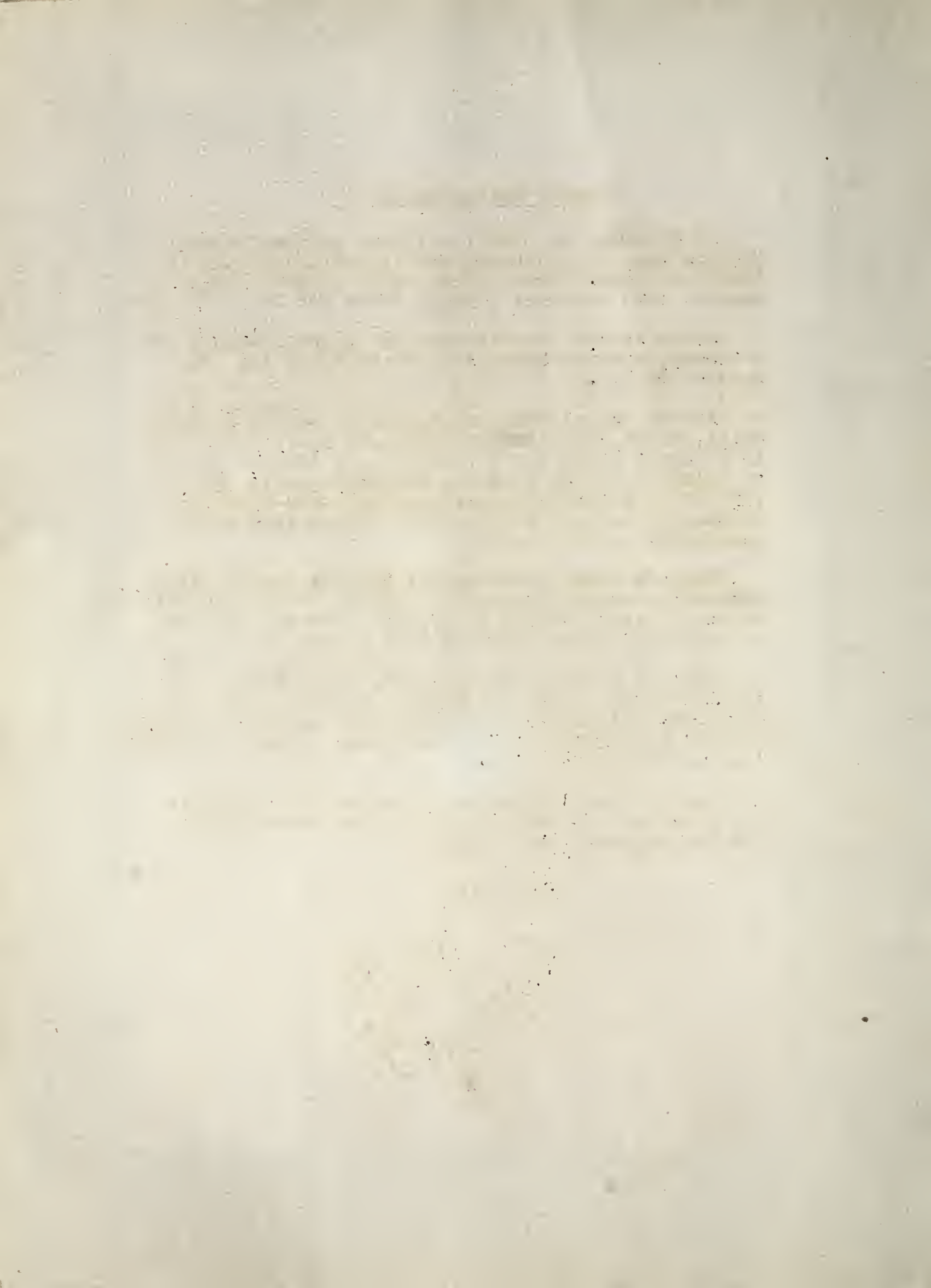
At the age of six she started to school at North Brick, which she attended for eight years. She came to Pleasant Mills her Freshman year; then she moved to Monmouth and started her Sophomore year. She went half of her Junior year at Monmouth then returned to Pleasant Mills to finish her high school education.

Doris's hobbies are roller skating and she also wishes to become a beauty operator. "Gook Luck Doris" Her best liked subject is typing. Her girl friends are Dora Mae McCullough and Ruth Clark.

When it comes to boy friends, that is where her trouble begins. She has gone with quite a few. Doris now has her eyes on a certain basketball player from Willshire who is very handsome. So here is wishing you more luck Doris.

Doris is well liked by all of her class-mates; she took part in both the Junior and Senior plays and did her parts very well.





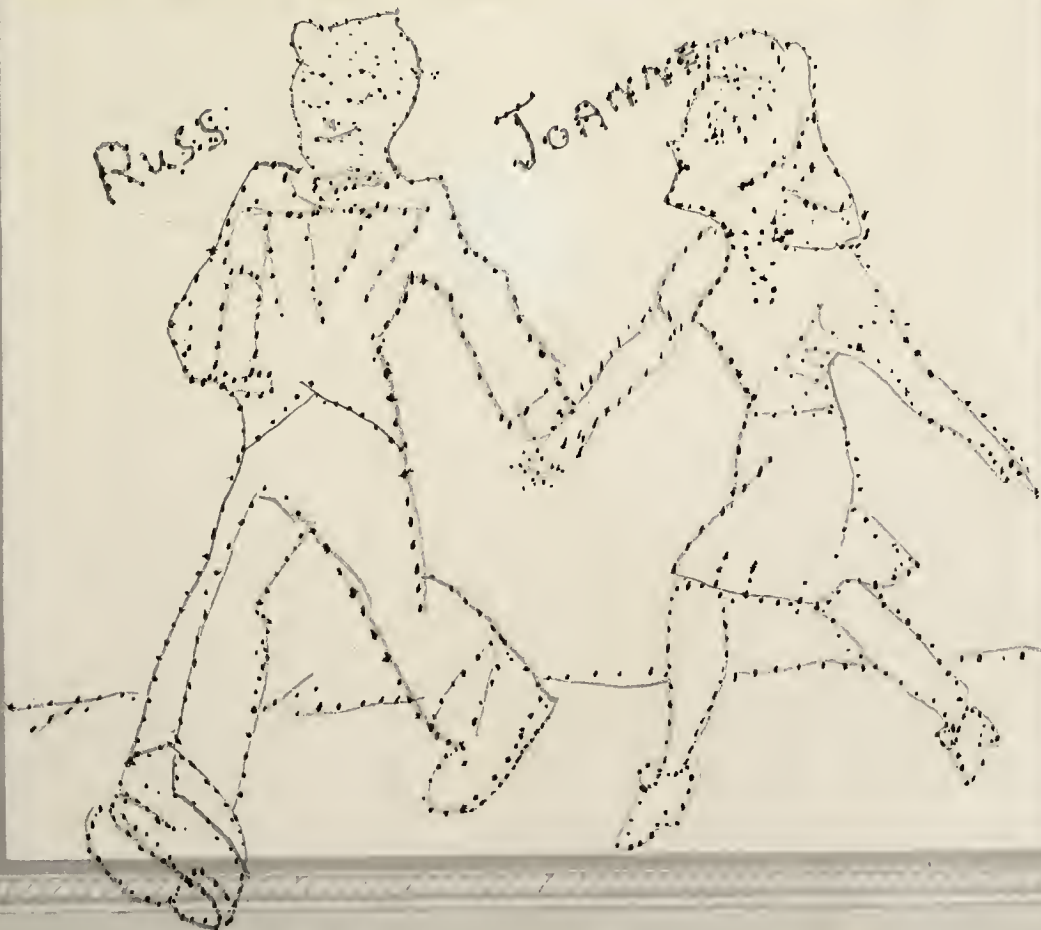
## JOANNE LOUISE CHRONISTER

On November 26, 1927, in Adams County, Indiana, a baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Chronister who weighed 5 lbs. They named her Joanne Louise better known as Johnny.

At the age of six she entered the Bobo school and remained there eight years. Then she came to Pleasant Mills and finished her High School career there. After this she plans to attend International Business College in Fort Wayne, where she intends to take a Private Secretarial Course.

Joanne's favorite sports are basketball, and softball which she enjoys very much. Her hobbies are reading and going to movies. Joanne's best girl friend is Veda Williamson.

Now at the age of 17 she weighs 110 lbs., has blonde hair and blue eyes.







### LLOYD JAMES DANIELS

On the eighteenth day of July nineteen hundred and twenty-seven a baby boy was born in St. Marys Twp., Adams County, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daniels. He was named Lloyd James. His nickname is Jim.

Jim is seventeen years old, weighs one hundred and thirty-six pounds, and is five feet seven inches tall.

At six years of age he started to the Bobo School where he attended for eight years. He entered his Freshman year at Pleasant Mills High School and after three and one half years of study he enlisted in the Navy.

His best liked subjects are History and Mathematics. During high school days he played basketball. His favorite sport is basketball.

He is well liked by all his classmates and especially by one Senior girl. His best boy friend is Don Strayer.







## EILEEN JEAN GEPHART

Proud and happy parents were Mr. and Mrs. Basil Gephart, in the year of our Lord, April 18, 1927, with the lusty entry of their first born Eileen Jean into their quiet and peaceful married life. She was a beautiful baby weighing 6 pounds and 7 ounces.

Little Eileen at the happy age of six started to school. The next nine years were filled with hard study, squabbles, and what not at the Wren School. Eileen entered her Sophomore year at good old P.M.: H.S.

Eileen is now five feet and three inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. She has pretty brown hair and brown eyes. In her Sophomore year she was friends with Fayma Miller who was a Junior. Jean Ray was her chum during their senior year.

Eileen's hobbies are keeping a scrapbook and trying out new receipts. (By the way I'll bet she's a good cook, boys!). Another little trick that she likes is coon hunting with a certain young friend of hers.

Now a DIGNIFIED SENIOR she hasn't lost any of her cutting-up ways. She still loves basketball, softball, and roller skating best of all sports. Although she likes Literature and History, her best liked subjects are Physics and Typing. After Eileen is through school, she is going to start a career in nursing. After this, she wants to (Boy's listen close) get a nice little hubby and several chattering, happy little offsprings.

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### VERLYN RAY GEYER

On November 2, 1926, a big baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Geyer. They were very proud of their baby so they named him Verlyn Ray.

Verlyn attended his first three years of school at Peterson. Then he changed for one year to the Brandyberry School. He also attended Monmouth for one year. He received his last six years of training at P.M.H.S.

Verlyn's favorite sport is basketball in which he excelled this year. He is liked very well by everyone. Of course, don't forget that his girlfriend is Phyllis Geisler.

Verlyn's main ambition is to be a farmer.







## OTTO RALPH HUFFMAN

On September 30, 1926, at Willshire, Ohio a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ralph Huffman weighing 8 pounds, and will answer when he is called to the name of Otto R. Huffman Jr, better known as Junior.

At the age of 7 years he entered Willshire School. When he was in the fifth grade, he entered Wren School and remained there until in the seventh grade. Then coming to Pleasant Mills School he remained there the rest of his school days.

Junior's best liked subjects are History and Health and he enjoys basketball and a game of pool very much which are his favorite sports. His hobbies are fishing and pool. Junior's best boy friends are Ivan Allen and Lee Whitacre.

At the age of 18, Junior has brown hair, gray eyes, weighs 161 pounds and is 6 feet 4 inches tall.





## LU ANNA JOHNSON

The ninth day of November 1927, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Johnson a baby girl. This was the first child born to this family.

They soon found that the name , Lu Anna, suited this little baby with blonde hair and pretty blue eyes.

At the age of five she started to school at Pleasant Mills. Lu Anna received all twelve years of her education at Pleasant Mills.

During her high school days she played basket-ball and baseball.

Lu Anna was good in all of her subjects. Her best liked subject is typing.

Lu Anna now has blonde hair, blue eyes, and a very pleasing personality. She is five feet two inches tall, and liked by everyone.

Her best girl friend is Mary Ross.







## BETTY ZANE LICHTENBERGER

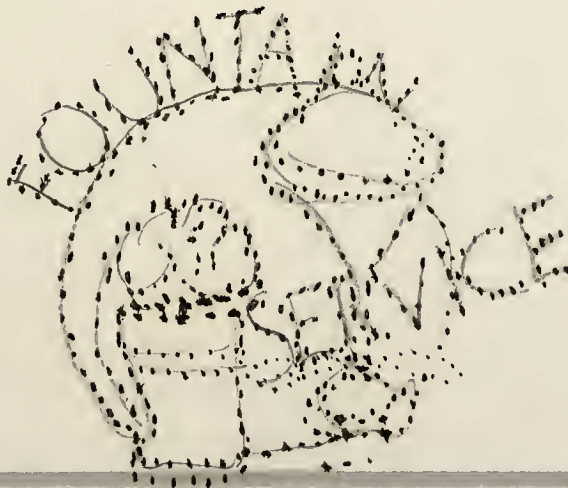
Way back in the year of 1926, a bird called the stork got the funny idea of visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lichtenberger. It left them an eight pound baby girl who enlarged the world's population by one count. They immediately named her Betty Zane.

Betty is now 5 feet, 2 inches tall, has brown hair, blue eyes, and weighs about 135 pounds. She is the fourth child and has seven other brothers and sisters.

Betty kept every one entertained in her young years of life at home. She went to Bobo most of her first eight years of grade school. She started to high school at Pleasant Mills. In her sophomore year she thought she would try attending Kirkland, but getting homesick for P.M.H.S., she came back to finish her schooling here.

Her hobbies are collecting pictures and sewing. Her best liked subjects are History and Typing. We must not forget she also likes ice and roller skating.

Verona Berry is Betty's best girl friend although she likes several. Don't forget there is also a gentlemen around the corner she likes. She may not admit it, but she can't make us believe any differently. We know that whatever her ambition may be she will be successful.





DORA MAE McCULLOUGH

On March 20, 1927, a visitor, called the stork made a trip to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben McCullough.

He brought a four pound baby girl, who was instantly called Dora Mae.

Dora Mae is now 17 years old and five feet four and one-half inches tall and weighs 135 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes.

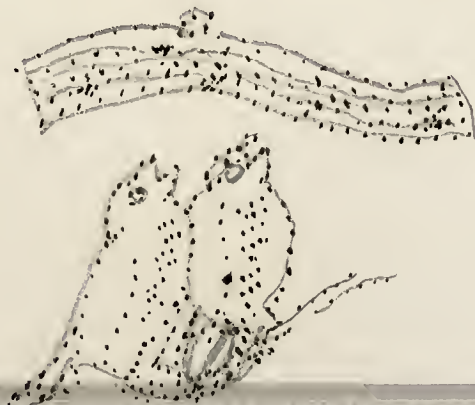
At the age of six she started to school at Pleasant Mills and continued to go there her twelve years of school.

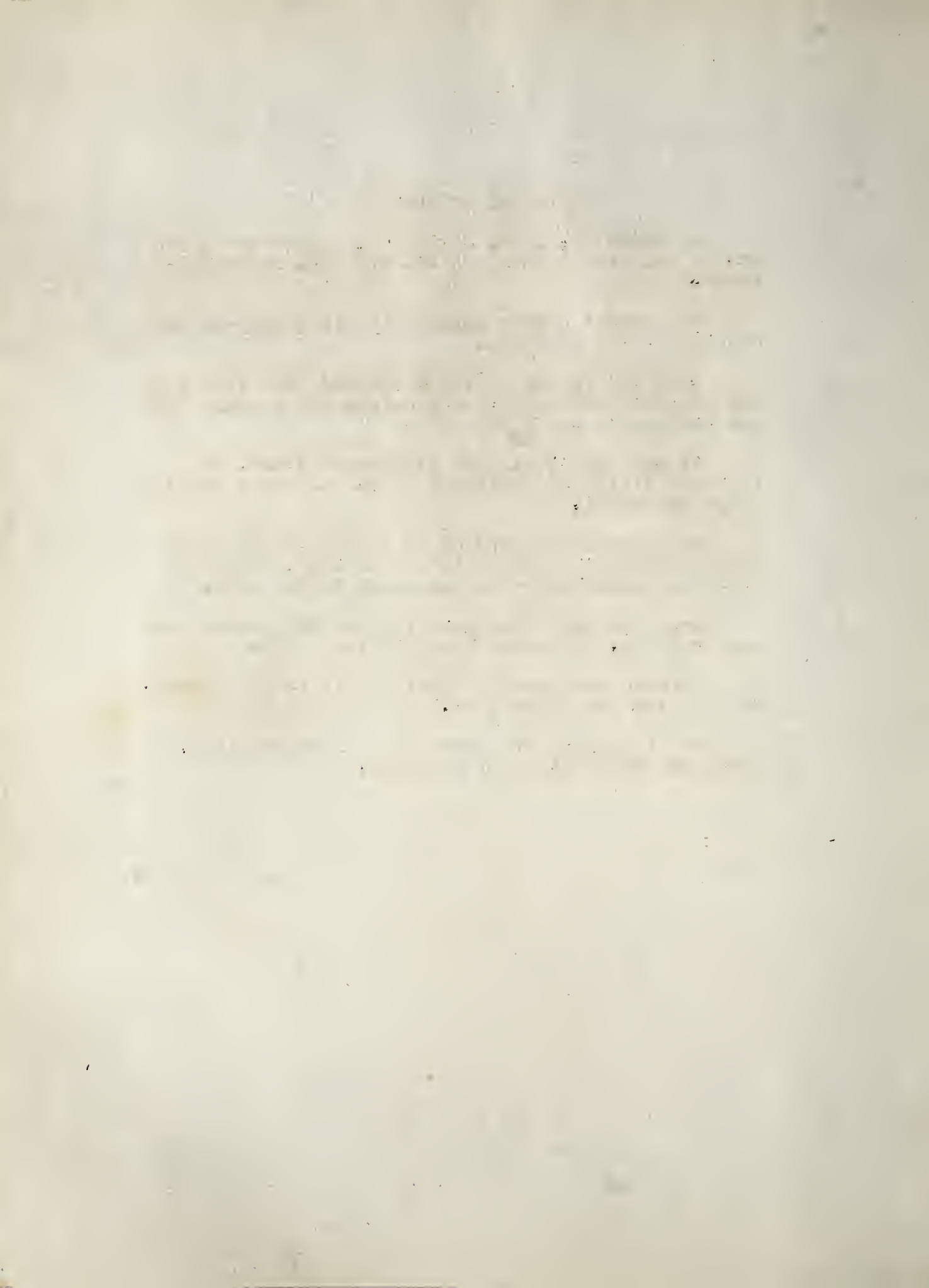
Her best liked subject is typing and her best liked sports are basketball and dancing. Her hobbies are collecting pins and going to the show.

Dora Mae has taken part in both the Junior and Senior plays, and acted her part very well.

I think her greatest ambition is to be a nurse. We all wish her "Good Luck."

Her best pals are Doris Byer and Ruth Clark, although she is liked by everyone.







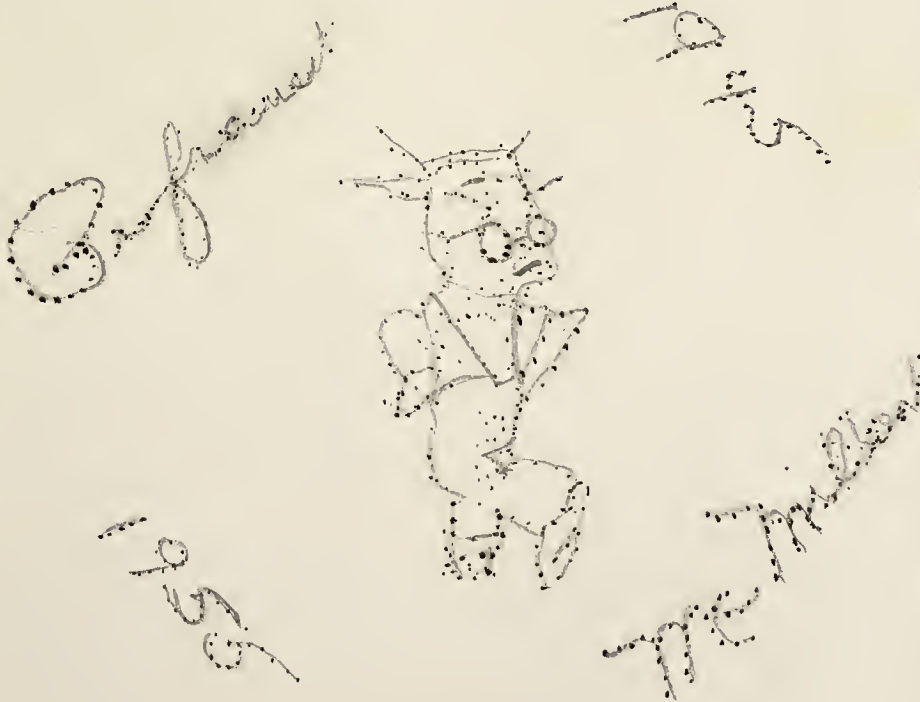
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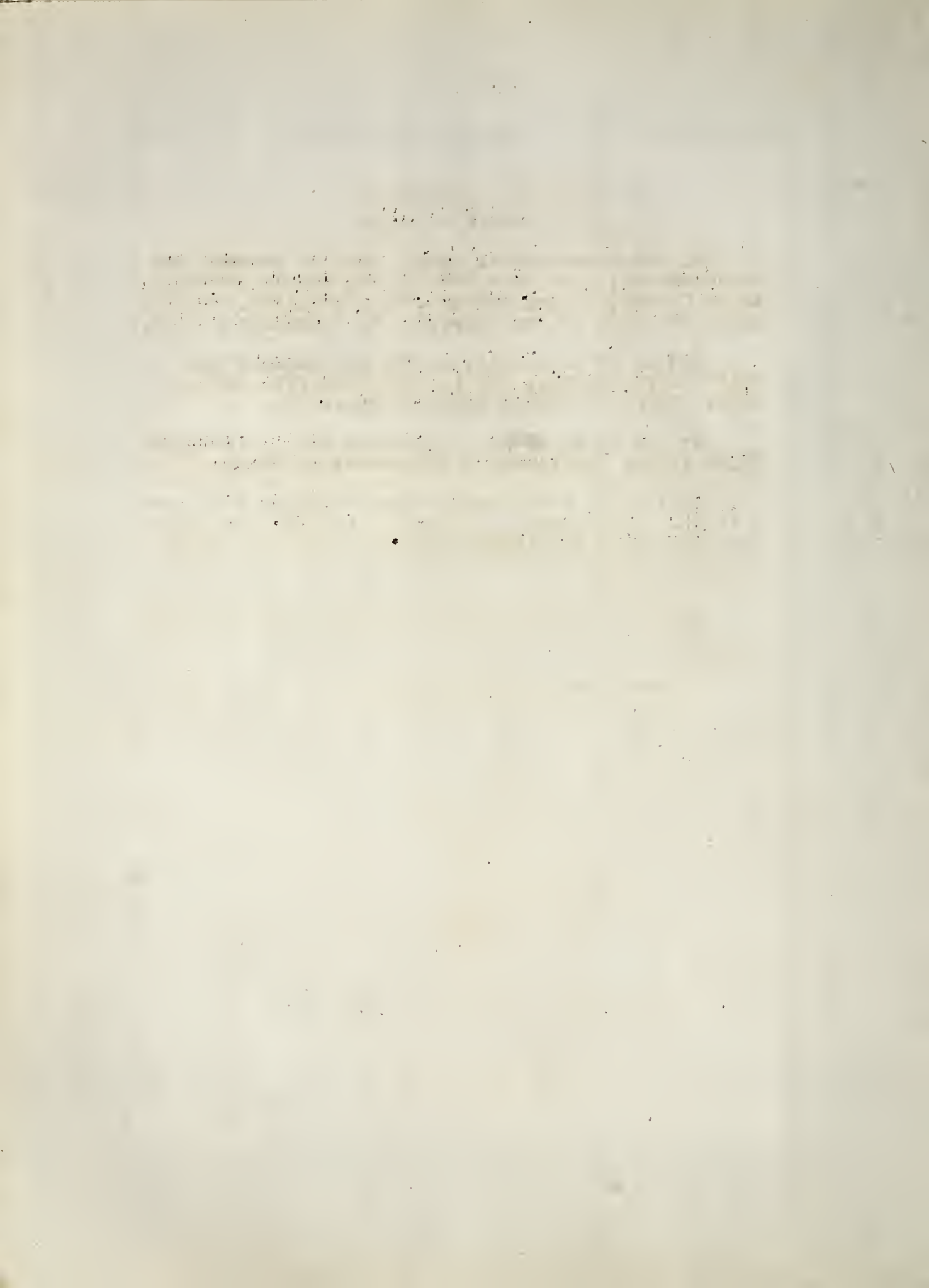
On the tenth day of April nineteen hundred and twenty-seven; a boy was born in St. Mary's Township, Adams County, to Mr. and Mrs. Glen McMillen, who was given the name of Dean Dorwin. His nickname is Red.

Red is 17 years old, weighs one hundred and thirty three pounds, and is five feet five inches tall. He has red hair and blue eyes.

At six years of age he started to the Pleasant Mills School and finished his schooling there.

During his high school days he played some basketball. His favorite subject is typing, and his favorite sport is playing pool.





## ROBERT WAYNE MILLER

On September 17, 1927, a bundle was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Miller. He was the first bundle thus far brought to this home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller decided on calling him Robert Wayne. He is better known as "Bob" to his classmates.

He started to school at Bobo. There he went eight years and then entered Pleasant Mills High School where he finished his school days.

Robert has taken part in many school activities. He is mostly interested in basketball and has played basketball all four of his high school years. He also took part in the Senior class play.

Bob is rather small but don't forget he likes his fruits and vegetables especially "Pease" in the country of Ohio.

Robert is liked by his classmates and the school faculty.

Verlyn Geyer is his best pal.



Senior's Mascot  
OF 1945

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## ERNEST HUBERT FREDERICK QUERIN

It was a beautiful summer day, July 18, 1926, to be exact, in the town of Cleveland, Ohio. This day was a memorable day for Mr. and Mrs. J. Querin of 691 E. 130th Street. On this day of days the stork zoomed in the living room, made a three point landing, dropped a baby boy weighing six and one-half pounds in three cornered pants and zoomed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Querin proud of their son named him after his grandfather and uncle, Ernest Hubert.

The first few years of Ernest's life were fairly quiet. At the age of five he started to kindergarten at the Hazeldell Grade School in Cleveland. Ernest went to Hazeldell all through his first six grades.

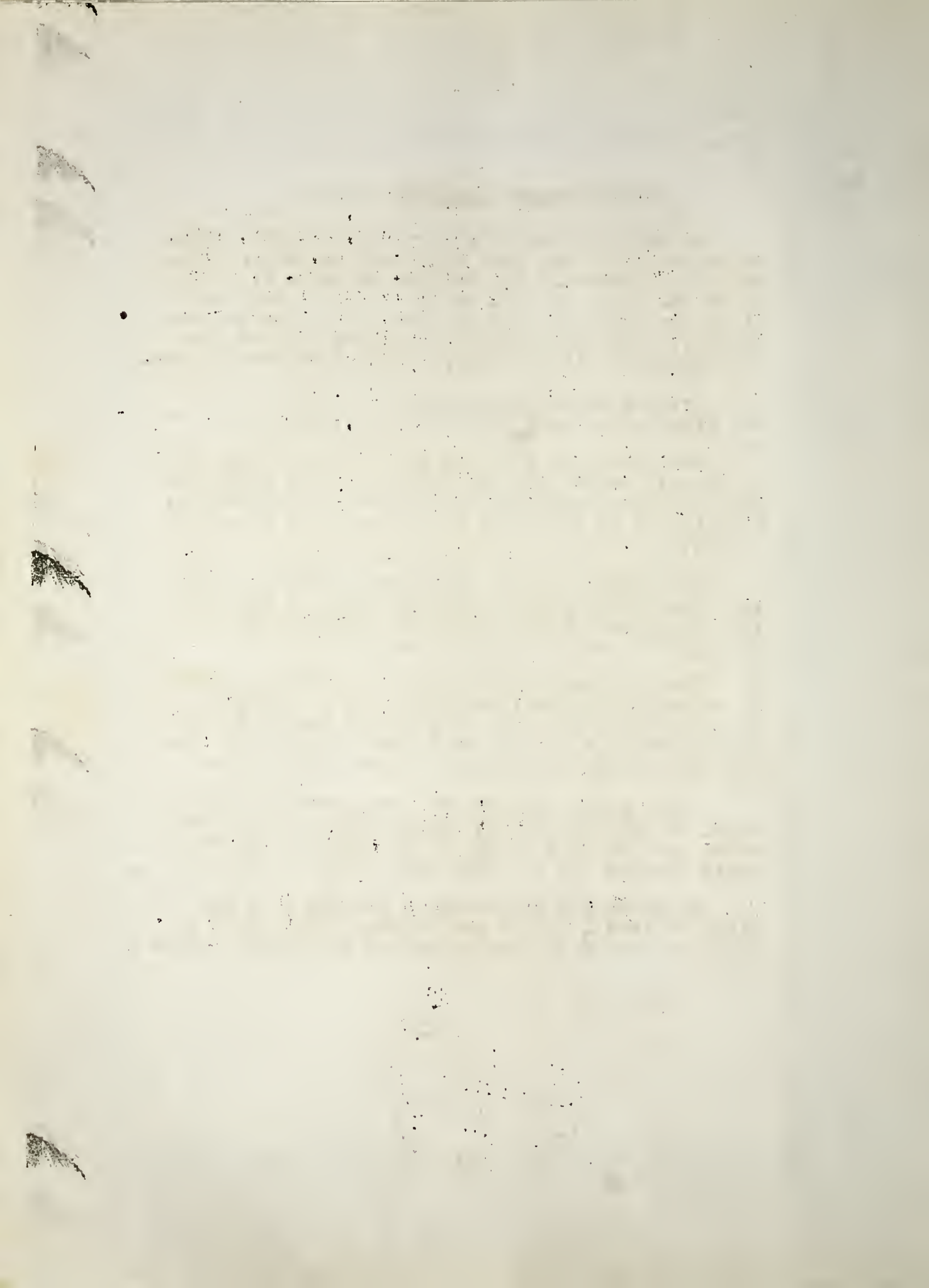
Upon finishing the sixth grade Ernest graduated from grade school and next began at the Patrick Henry Junior High where he went for three years, thus completing his ninth year.

Then he went up the great ladder of education to senior high school at Collinwood Senior High, but somewhere along the way, Ernest got to be too smart for the teachers and he quit Collinwood Senior High in the latter part of the Junior year.

When Ernest came to the farm one-half mile north of Pleasant Mills, little did he suspect he would once again go back to the school room and books at good old Pleasant Mills, but he did.

He graduated in December, midterm from the class of 44-45, and is now looking forward to a military career in some branch of the Armed Forces.





## DOROTHY JEAN RAY

On the twenty-seventh of September 1927, there came a little baby girl to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ray, who at that time lived one mile south of Pleasant Mills.

They gave her the name of Dorothy Jean. She is now an attractive girl of five feet four and one-half inches tall, has auburn hair, and hazel eyes, and weighs 115 pounds.

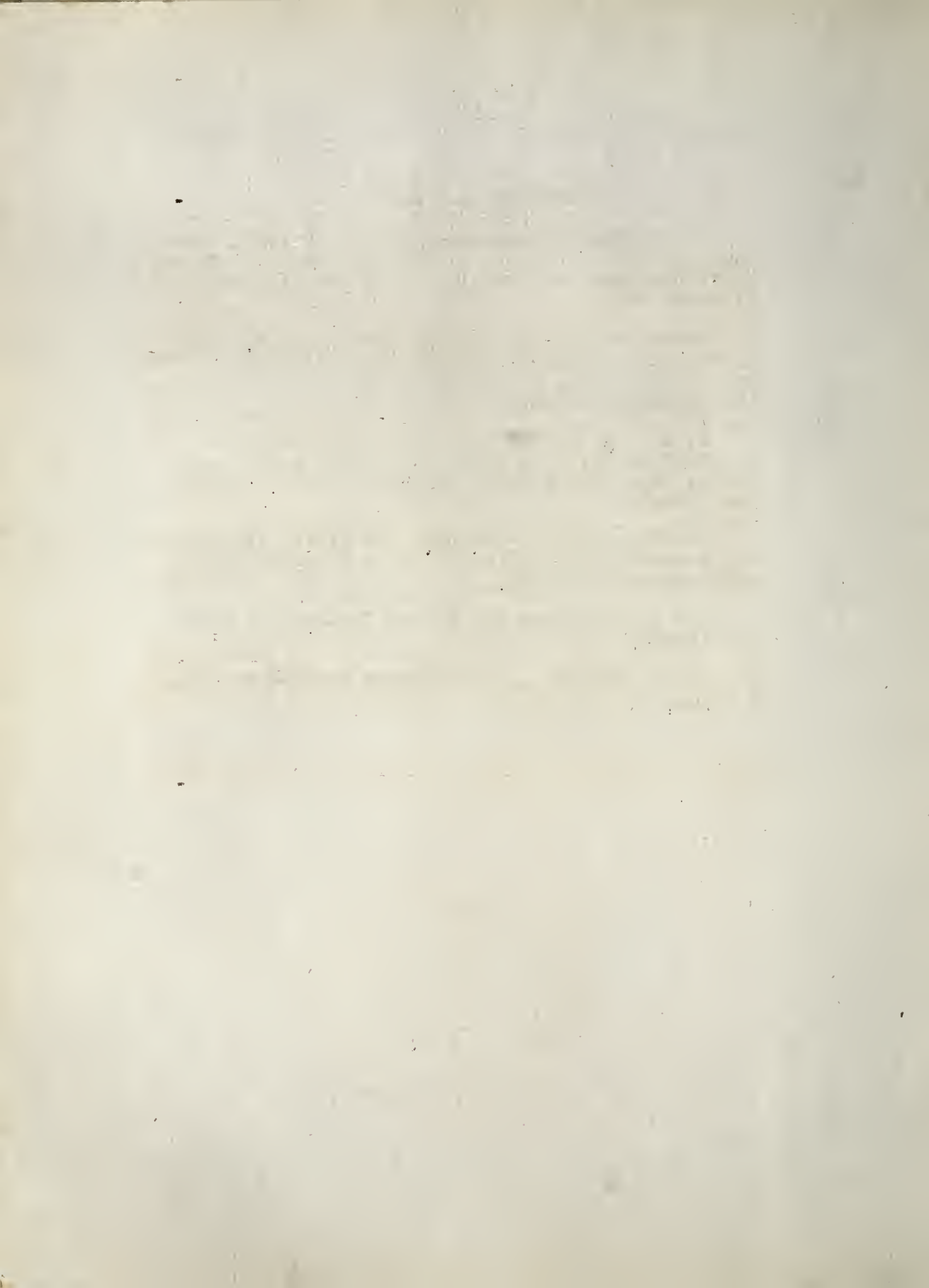
At the age of five she started to school at Pleasant Mills. She went all of her twelve years there. She took part in the Senior play, "Nobody but Nancy".

Jean's hobby is reading. Her sports are playing basketball and softball. Jean is liked by her schoolmates very much.

Her best friends are Eileen Gephart and Veda Williamson.

At the present she is looking forward to being a nurse.







## MARY ROSAMOND ROSS

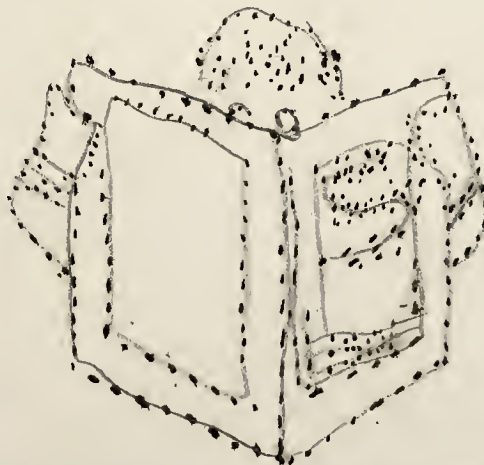
On August 17, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross received a Special Delivery. Much to their surprise when they opened the package there were two little baby girls which they named Mary and Merman. At this time we are concerned about Mary.

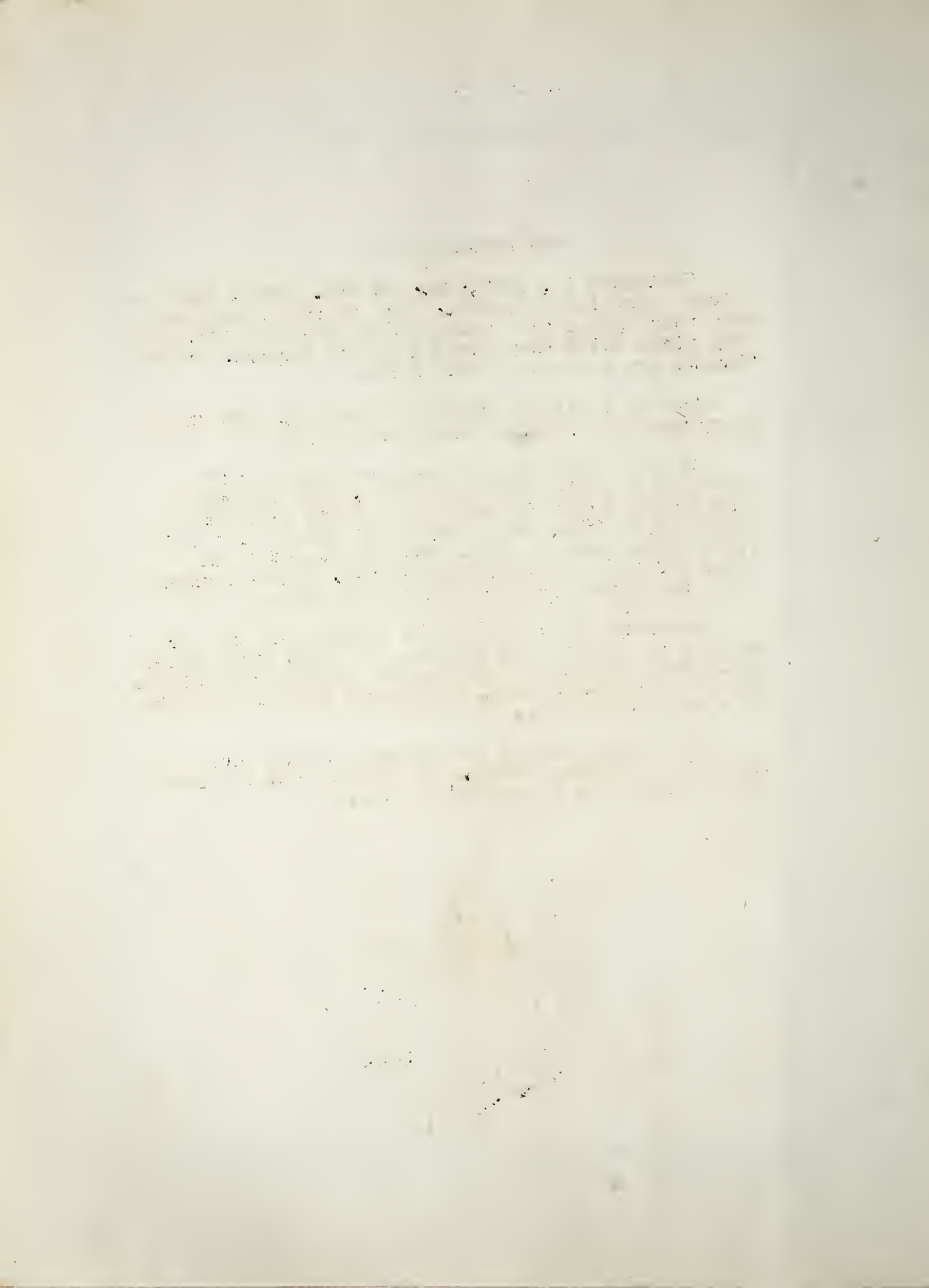
She is a little seventeen year old, with brown hair, blue eyes, and a smile for everyone.

At the tender age of six Mary started off to school at Pleasant Mills, Indiana. She attended this school until she was in the fifth grade then she moved to Bobo, where she spent three and a half years of her school life. Then she decided she would rather be at good old P.M.H.S. so she returned there to finish her high school education.

Her best liked subject is bookkeeping and her hobbies are sewing and movies. Her best girl friend is Lu Anna Johnson but she has no special boy friend. She is a happy-go-lucky, fun-loving girl of just five feet two inches tall.

She enjoys making new friends and her ambition is to be a factory worker. We surely wish her luck in her plans for a successful life.





## MERMAN ROSE ROSS

On the day of August 17, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross were pleasantly surprised when who do you suppose dropped in to see them? It was the "stork" and with him a sweet little baby girl weighing six and one-half pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were so proud of this little addition that they decided to call her Merman Rose.

The first few years of her life were fairly dull, but when Merman started the first grade at Willshire, she began to grow up.

After two years at Willshire the Ross's moved and Merman then came to Pleasant Mills for two years. By this time Merman had completed 4 years of her 12 school years.

Having gone to two schools so far Merman thought she had better add another so she entered the Bobo grade school where she completed the 8 grades.

She came back to P.M.H.S. for her four years of high school. And now a dignified Senior Merman stands 5 feet 3 inches, has brown hair and brown eyes and is also an attractive girl.

Merman's hobbies are collecting pictures and going to shows.

P.S. Additional surprise - a twin sister.







## HAROLD LEE SPEAKMAN

On May 6, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Speakman announced the birth of their second baby boy who weighed ten pounds. They immediately named him Harold Lee.

Lee grew up on a farm about two and a half miles northwest of Pleasant Mills. At the age of six he started his education by entering school at Pleasant Mills and continued to go through all twelve years.

He is now in his last year of high school and seems to have done very well in his studies of which he likes Typing and Arithmetic the best. Lee's hobby is basketball in which he has taken part for the last few years. He is a fairly good player and is now playing on the first five of the Spartans.

Lee is a boy of 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 165 pounds. He has brown hair and blue eyes.

His best friends are Verlyn Geyer and Marvin Sprunger.

His ambition is to be a farmer and settle down with a neighbor girl.



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## MARVIN LEE SPRUNGER

On January 28, 1927, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sprunger of Berne, Indiana a baby boy and he was given the name of Marvin Lee.

When Marvin was of school age he entered the Dent school, where he spent three and one half years. For four years he went to Lucky and finished his elementary schooling at the Smith school. As a Freshman Marvin entered Kirkland High School and attended there until the last part of his Sophomore year. Then Marvin enrolled at Pleasant Mills where he will graduate this spring.

Marvin is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds, has grey eyes, brown hair, and is classified as one of the good "Spartans" of P.M.H.S. His favorite sport is basketball and his hobby is roller skating. He is well liked by every one, especially a Junior girl.

Marvin's ambition is to be a truck driver and we surely wish him luck on the road to success.



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## DONALD LAZERNE STRAYER

On May 6, 1927, a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rue L. Strayer of Chicago, Illinois, which they named Donald Lazerne. Later they moved near Rockford where Donald received the first six years of his education.

They then moved to Blue Creek Township where they now live. He received the last two years of his grade education at Jacobs. In 1941 he started to good old P.M.H.S. and will graduate from there. In his Junior year he was in the play "Professor, How Could You". He played his part very well. Don is very fond of basketball, but in 1944 he had the misfortune of breaking his ankle during a practice session and couldn't play the rest of the season. This year he is back playing and was high scorer until January when he left for the Navy.

Don weighs 170 pounds and is five feet ten inches tall. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

His best liked subjects are Physics and Literature. His best boy friends are Jim Daniels and Eli Beer.

Don's hobbies are hunting, especially coon hunting. Don's favorite sports are basketball and baseball. His greatest ambition is to make good in the Armed Forces for the good old U.S.A.





## BURVIL EUGENE WATKINS

At a little white farm house one mile south east of Pleasant Mills, on May 9, 1926, the stork left a little bundle on the doon step on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watkins. Burvil is the second child. He entered Pleasant Mills grade school in 1933 and has proved a good Spartan ever since. He received his entire twelve years of education at Pleasant Mills.

All through his school life, his favorite subjects have been Physical Education and Literature. He has two special hobbies. One is, of course, basketball and the other is "Women".

OH-OH! I nearly forgot to tell you his description. He is five feet ten and one half inches tall and weighs one hundred and sixty pounds. He has black hair and most important of all are his long, black, curly eyelashes that shade his deep blue eyes.

At the present time he is in the Armed Forces doing his best for Uncle Sam. After he finishes his task there, his ambition (he says) is to be a bachelor; but we rather think it is to make some nice little woman happy and we believe he can do it.







## OTHEL LEE WHITACRE

On August 1, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. David Whitacre of Jefferson Township announced the arrival of their son Othel Lee. He weighed four and one-half pounds and was blessed with a lusty squall.

Before long Lee started the educational part of his life at Jefferson School and then to Portland for his seventh and eighth grades. Lee's freshman and sophomore years in high school were spent in Monroe. He spied Pleasant Mills and decided it looked interesting so immediately moved here to graduate at Pleasant Mills.

Lee is a very handsome boy six feet, one-half inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and blue eyes. He is known as the "Wolf of Willshire".

His hobbies are playing pool and modeling air planes. His sports liked best are baseball and ice skating. Lee has taken an active part in school work and we were really proud of him in our senior play, "Nobody but Nancy". Also he proved he was made of the real stuff when he played on the basketball team after Christmas.

His life ambition is to be a scientific farmer.





### CLEORA EILEEN WHITE

On September 12, 1927, a bundle was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer White. She was the third bundle thus far brought to this home. Mr. and Mrs. White decided to call her Cleora Eileen.

She started to school at Lincoln. There she went for 4 years, and then entered the North Brick where she finished her grade school. She entered Pleasant Mills High School as a Freshman and continued her High School education there.

Cleora has taken part in many school activities. One of her ambitions is to be an airplane hostess. She is always ready to help anyone who needs help and is willing to take part in everything.

She is 5 feet 2 inches tall, has meduim brown hair and brown eyes. Her favorite sports are bowling and skating. Her hobby is tearing things up.

Wilma Bailey is her best pal, although she has many.







## VEDA ANN WILLIAMSON

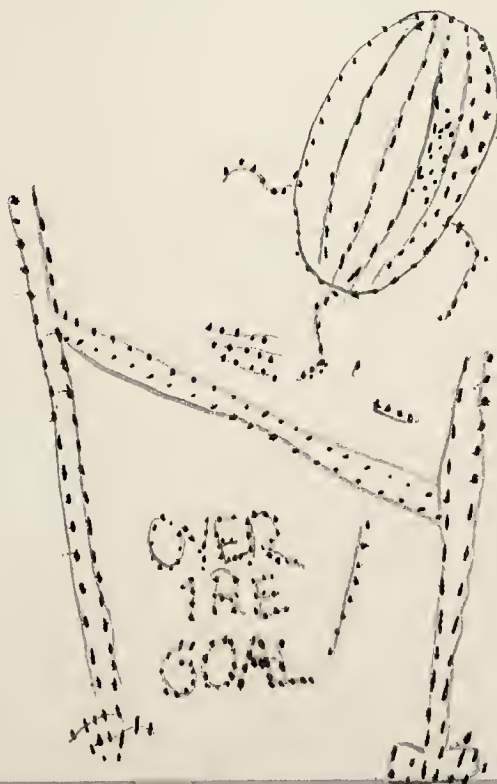
On March 2, 1927, the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Williamson and left a beautiful girl whom later they named Veda Ann.

She started to school at the age of six and attended four schools before finishing her eight grades. She then enrolled in her freshman year at Pleasant Mills. Veda finished her remaining school days at Pleasant Mills High School.

Veda's best liked subjects are Bookkeeping and English.

She has many friends who like to hear her gossip. Her hobbies are playing basketball and collecting pictures.

Veda took part in the Senior Class Play called, "Nobody but Nancy", which truly showed what a fascinating person Veda really is.



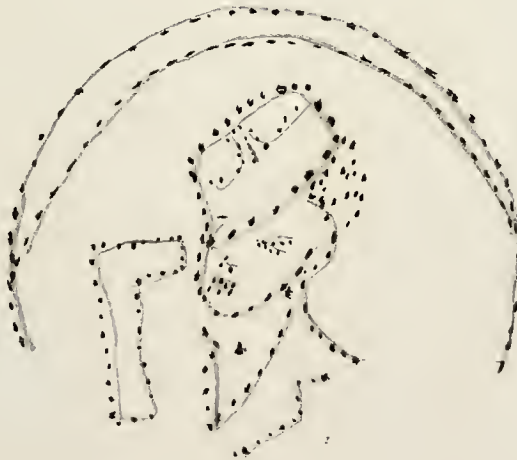


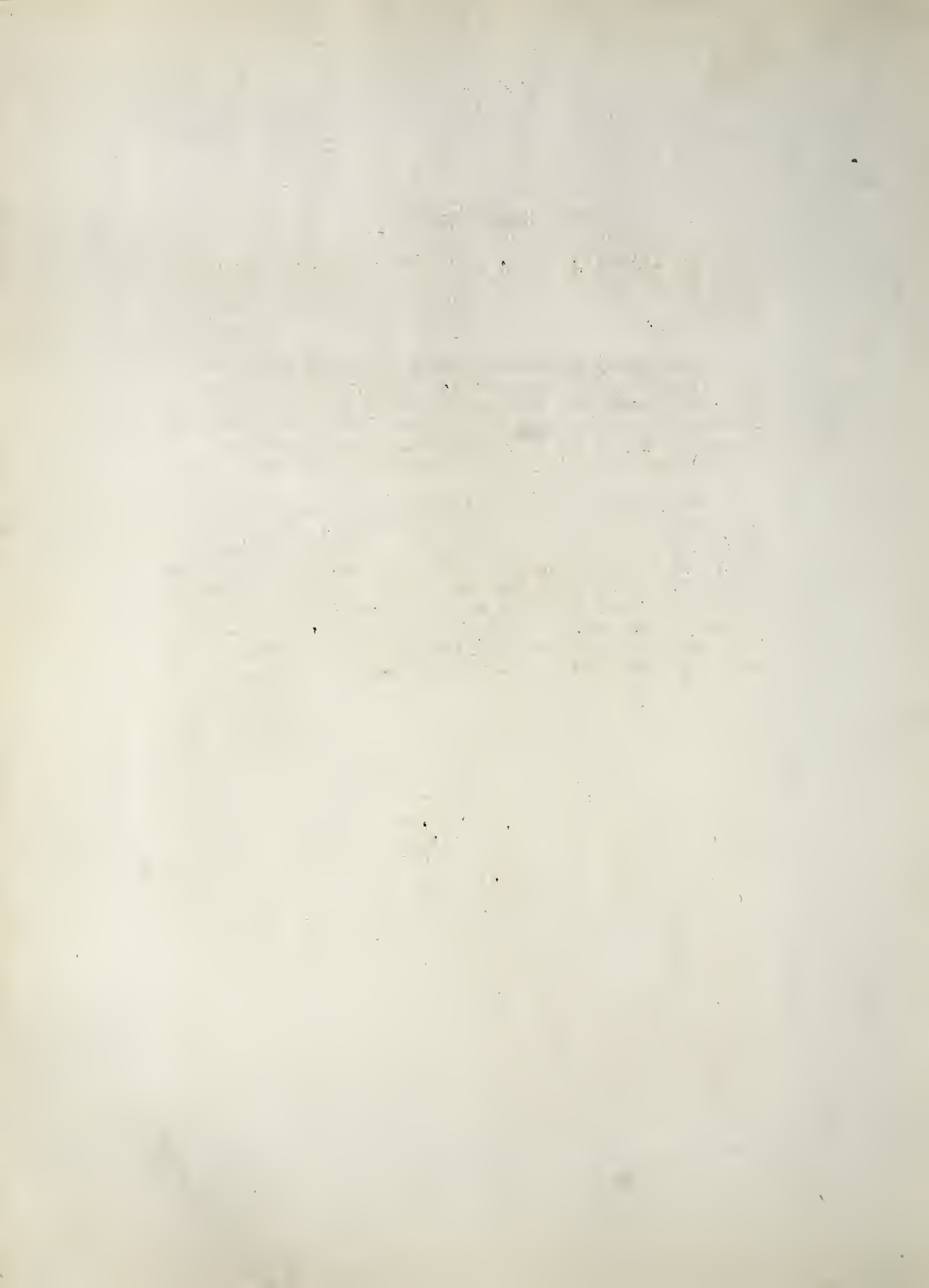
## BETTY CHRISTENA YOUNG

On July 18, 1927, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Young of Blue Creek Township a lovely daughter and to her was given the name of Betty Christena.

She entered grade school at North Brick which she attended for six years. After entering the seventh grade she was transferred to the Kimsey to finish her eight years of education. She entered Pleasant Mills as a freshman and continued her four years of high school education there.

Betty has taken active part in all sports and she is a very good basketball player. One of her greatest ambitions is to become a professional typist. She is always ready to help anyone who needs help and is willing to take part in everything. Her best liked subject is typing. She is now 17 years of age and 5 feet 4 inches tall, has blonde hair and blue eyes. Her favorite chums are Marjorie Roe and Norma Jean Fox.







## SENIORS LOW DOWN

### Class Officers

James Daniels.....President  
Robert Miller.....Vice-President  
Cleora White.....Sec. & Treas.  
Mr. Foley.....Sponsor

### Motto

STEP BY STEP WE WILL REACH THE TOP

### Colors

Royal Blue and Gold

### Flower

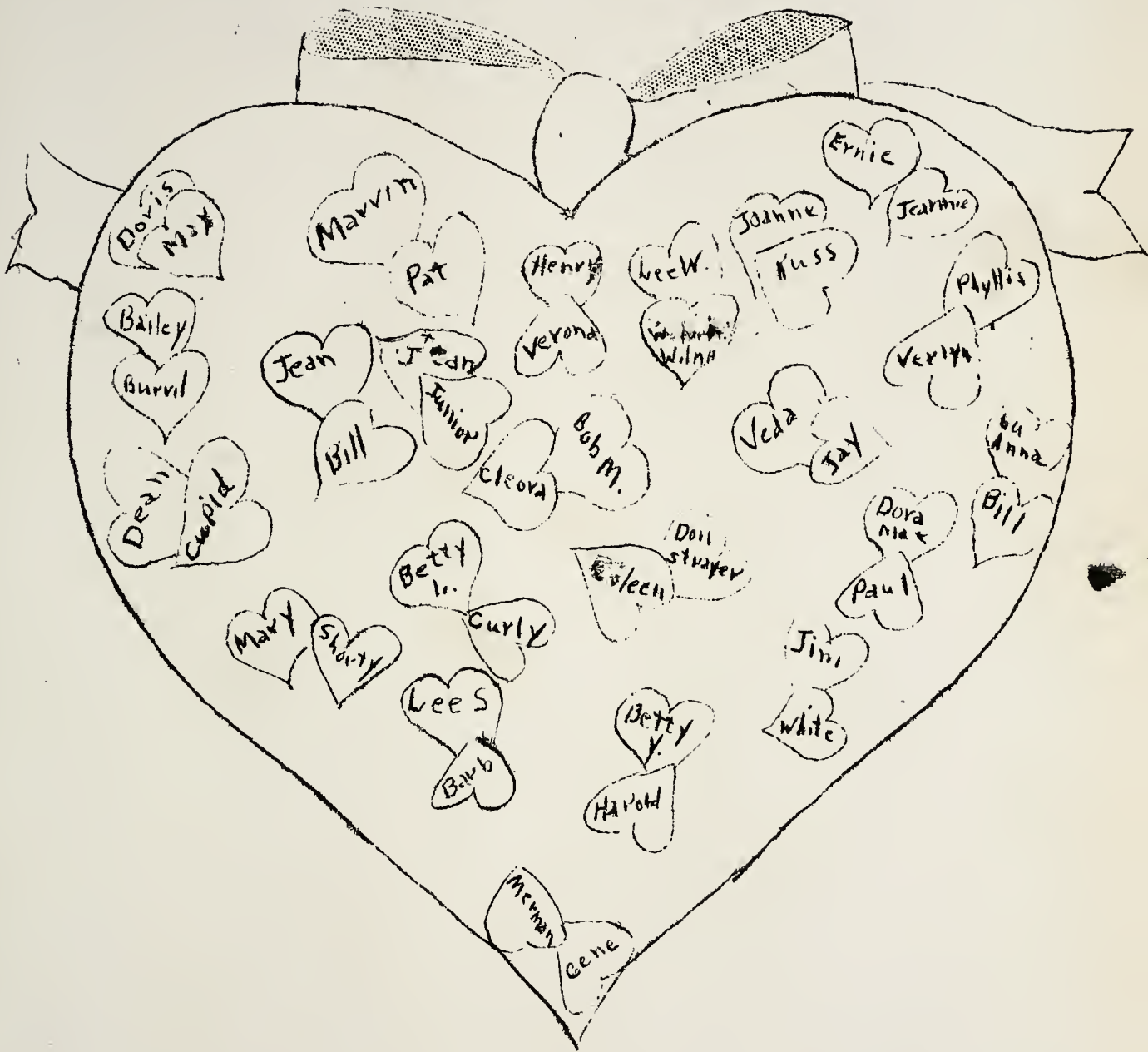
Red Rose

### Who's Who in the Senior Class

Who's the tallest?-----Junior Huffman  
Who's the shortest?-----Mary Ross  
Who's the noisiest?-----Cleora White  
Who's the oldest?-----Eurvil Watkins  
Who's the wolf?-----Marvin Sprunger  
Who's the sheik?-----Robert Miller  
Who's the most musical?-----Lee Whitacre  
Who's the singer?-----Dora Mae McCullough  
Who's the sleepest?-----Ernie Querin  
Who's the quietest?-----Verona Berry  
Who's the calmest?-----Betty Young  
Who's the funniest?-----Jean Ray  
Who's the shyest?-----Dean McMillen  
Who's the most arguable?-----Don Strayer  
Who's the most agreeable?-----Lee Speakman  
Who's the smartest?-----Betty Lichtenberger  
Who's the slowest?-----Veda Williamson  
Who's the letter reader?-----Wilma Hailey  
Who's the glamour girl?-----Joanne Chronister  
Who's the flirt?-----Doris Byer  
Who's the athlete?-----Verlyn Geyer  
Who's the powder box?-----Merman Ross  
Who's the fast worker?-----Eileen Gephart  
Who's the windiest?-----James Daniels  
Who's the most excitable?-----Lu Anna Johnson



# SENIOR



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## CLASS PROPHECY

Dear Diary,

June 5, 1955

Three days ago I became home-sick to see some of my old class-mates of 45. I went out to the air port and asked to see First Lieutenant Jim Daniels. I was ushered into his office immediately. When I told him my plans, he said he would have his wife, Cleora White, fly me to my destination.

A short time later we started on our journey. In a few minutes I looked down and saw a large metropolis which appeared to be made up of several small cities. Cleora explained this by saying it contained some very large buildings and each was important within itself, it made a small city of its own. Naturally I asked the name of this magnificent place, but when she said, "Why Wilma, that's Pleasant Mills, now third largest city in the United States," I was so astonished I nearly forgot to tell her this was the place I had intended to visit.

We landed and found a guide, who was none other than Junior Huffman. Next we set off to see what all these large buildings were. First we came to a tabernacle which was so very beautiful we would liked to have remained several days. Much to our astonishment, when asked who was responsible for such a wonderful place, Junior answered Bob Miller. Of course we wanted to see him so Junior took us to his home. When we rang the door bell it was answered by our old friend, Jean Ray, now Mrs. Miller.

After a pleasant visit we went on to the next building, the hospital. There we found several of our friends working together. They graduated together, went to college together, received their degrees, and started their own hospital. The doctor, Lee Whitacre, was very handsome in his white uniform. He pressed a bell and while waiting on the head nurse to come, Lee called our attention to his pretty and, we believe, very efficient secretary, Betty Young. We went over to her desk to



catch up on the news. She said she was very happily married to Verlyn Geyer, now a lawyer with his office, secretary, etc. Also they have one little boy named "Morggië".

Just then a nurse rustled in, looking very stern in her starched uniform. Yes, as you probably have guessed, it was Dora Mae McCullough. She told us she had not married as yet, but still sees the well liked sailor of her high school days.

Upon leaving the hospital we met Mary and Mer-man Ross who married the Bebout boys from Bobo. They were dressed alike. When I inquired what finally inspired them to dress alike the pretty twins they actually are, they said it wasn't really their idea. They both work in a department store and it was necessary to wear identical uniforms. Then Mary asked if we had any plans made for the evening and I said, "No, nothing definite." She insisted we must go to the High School gymnasium to see the main game of the season. We pondered over this a moment but when she said we would see some more of our friends at the game we agreed to meet the twins later.

Cleora decided if she were going to the game she would need her hair set so Junior took us to the most exclusive beauty shop ever seen, called "Delight Beauty Shoppe." The name sounded familiar but we suspected nothing until we saw the operator was our old chum Doris Byer. While giving Cleora her magic beauty treatment, she told us she finally captured that handsome owner of the squad car in 45, Ernie Querin. We asked her if it would be possible for us to visit him. She said we would see him while visiting one of the large buildings.

Cleora was now ready to leave and I announced I was hungry. Junior said he knew the exact place to take us, a hotel and restaurant combined. He signaled a taxi driver and who should it be but Lee Speakman. You could recognize that taxi anywhere with all its lights, rear view mirrors, chrome trim, etc. He buzzed us to the address Junior gave him so quickly I wasn't certain Cleora had come along.





We entered the massive hotel and when Cleora finally grew tired of following the revolving door, she found Junior and me talking to the proprietor, Ernest Hubert Frederic Querin. He told us after going to Cleveland he had served as a U.S. Coast-guardsmen for two years. After this he returned to Pleasant Mills and, when he saw how it was expanding, he knew a hotel would be a good business adventure if he only had a partner. This is where our friend Doris came in. While he was telling more news Cleora had found the entrance to the restaurant and was urging us to hurry so we had to leave Ernie. We were seated watching a screen, which showed a picture of each delicious food suggested on the menu. We were so interested in this new project we didn't notice the waitress until she spoke. It was also a member of our class, Lu Anna Johnson. When she saw who we were, she insisted we go and see one of the other waitresses but she wouldn't tell who. All curiosity we followed her to what she called the screen room. There we saw Joanne Chronister busy making pictures of the next day's menu for the screen. We asked what she had done after she graduated. She told us she started to take a business course but the Maritime Service granted a medical discharge to a red head who headed straight for Pleasant Mills. In the excitement Joanne forgot her business course, was married, and started the business of making a home instead.

When we finished eating, it was time for the game to start at the high-school. We walked in just as the coach was giving a final word to his boys. "Who was the coach?" "Why Don Strayer." and a good one too. The score was very close but finally ended 18 to 19 in favor of Pleasant Mills. After the game Strayer took us through the building. It was a very interesting place with the teacher's names on the doors of their home rooms. One read, Miss Betty Lichtenberger, Mathematics. We asked Donald about her. He informed us she still wore that diamond on her left hand but insisted she wasn't engaged. We were walking along in silence after that when Cleora suddenly said, "Say, Donald,



"what ever happened to Eileen?"

"Oh, didn't I tell you" he answered. "We were married as soon as I left the Navy. The sailor suit did it, I guess. And by the way, you should see Roger. He's only eight months old and can do almost everything."

Cleora teased, "He can't walk yet; can he ! Strayer?"

Don said, "Of course he walks and he can sit up, shake hands, speak, and even jump the rope."

That was too much. I said, "Now wait a minute, Donald. You don't mean to tell me an eight months old baby can do all that?"

Who said anything about a baby; I'm talking about Roger my new coon dog." Then very enthusiastically he told us about his latest hunting adventure.

We went back to the hotel. After a good night's rest we started out again. We had seen most of the larger buildings so we decided to visit the "Snazzy Theater." The title of the picture was "Romance Deluxe". The hero was the blonde actor of the English class, Marvin Sprunger, and his partner was the pretty brunette, Veda Williamson. They made a very striking picture together and certainly appeared to be true Lovers. Junior said it probably was. They were married just six months.

Junior hailed a taxi for us and we decided to ride around awhile. As we entered the cab, a news bulletin was on the radio. When it was over, we found the commentator was the little red head of our class, Dean McMillen. While we were riding along, Cleora broke the silence by asking what had become of Burvil Watkins. I said, "Oh, He couldn't decide for certain whether he preferred a blonde or brunette so he signed up for another ten years in the army. While she was thinking this over, Junior asked if there were anyone else we would especially





like to see. I said that we hadn't seen Verona Berry. He told us we wouldn't want to miss visiting her either. She had married a dairy-man and they lived on one of the nicest farms around. We told the taxi driver where we wished to go but much to our disappointment he said he could not take us beyond the city limits.

Suddenly the taxi came to a halt and who should we see but Mr. Foley. He is still Principal at good old P.M.H.S. and lives it but misses the seniors of 45. After talking to him for some time Cleora wanted to be on her way so we started on our homeward journey, tired but happy.

by Wilma Bailey



### CLASS WILL

We, the members of the Senior Class of 1944-45 City of Pleasant Mills, Township of St. Mary's County of Adams, do hereby will our Dignified positions in the Pleasant Mills High School to the Seniors to-be.

I, LU ANNA JOHNSON, do hereby will my blonde hair to Betty Sipe.

I, JUNIOR HUFFMAN, will my ability to find out other people's business to Max Case.

I, MARY ROSS, will my reading True Stories to Mary Nonner.

I, CLEORA WHITE, will my diamond to Rose Roebuck.

I, BURVIL WATKINS, will my Wilma to Bill Myers.

I, MARVIN SPRUNGER, will my ability to get along with Mrs. Andrews to Chalmer Miller.

I, BOB MILLER, will my name "Shaggy" to "Moose".

I, LEE WHITACRE, will my Phyllis Morrison to Glen Fegley.

I, DORA MAE McCULLOUGH, will my ability to earn oversea bars to Mery Lou Myers.

I, ERNIE QUERIN, will my "Squad Car" to Don Winans.

I, VERONA BERRY, will my bashfulness to Ada Everett.

I, BETTY YOUNG, will my ability to type to Georgia Myers.

I, JEAN RAY, will my sailor Bill to Kate Luginbill.

I, DEAN McMILLEN, will my ability of getting to school on time to Peck Werling.





I, DONALD STRAYER, will my ability to hunt to my brother Doyle.

I, LEE SPEAKMAN, will my ability to get along with other people to Jim Teeple.

I, BETTY LICHTENBERGER, will my ability to study to my sister Kate.

I, VEDA WILLIAMSON, will my ability of playing basketball to Audrey Painter.

I, WILMA BAILEY, will my ability of cheerleading to Betty Allen.

I, JOANNE CHRONISTER, will my ability to get along with the Senior girls to Mildred Tricker.

I, DORIS BYER, will all of my boy friends to Helen Railing.

I, VERLYN GEYER, will my ability to play basketball to Donald Clouse.

I, MERMAN ROSS, will my giggle to Lois Bauman.

I, EILEEN GEPHART, will my sailor for the time being to Kathleen Noll.

I, JIM DANIELS, will my "little woman" to Ernie Hindenlang.

We, the Senior Class, do hereby will our ability to get along with Mrs. Andrews to The Junior Class.



\*\*\*CAN YOU IMAGINE\*\*\*

Lu Anna in love?

Bob letting his hair grow?

Wilma having a REDLIGHT?

Verlyn necking with a certain girl?

Ernie walking fast?

Dean getting to school on time?

Dora going with Moose?

Joanne marrying Russell Stanley?

Lee S. without his gloves?

Betty Y. flirting with the senior boys?

Jean without her red hair?

Marvin keeping out of fences with his (JD)?

Doris staying out of trouble?

Burvil going steady with Bailey and Myers?

Lee W. without his Helen?

Betty Lichtenberger without her diamond?

Junior with Ruthie?

Don without his coon dogs and coupe?

Jim with Eileen?

Cleora tipping the bottle?

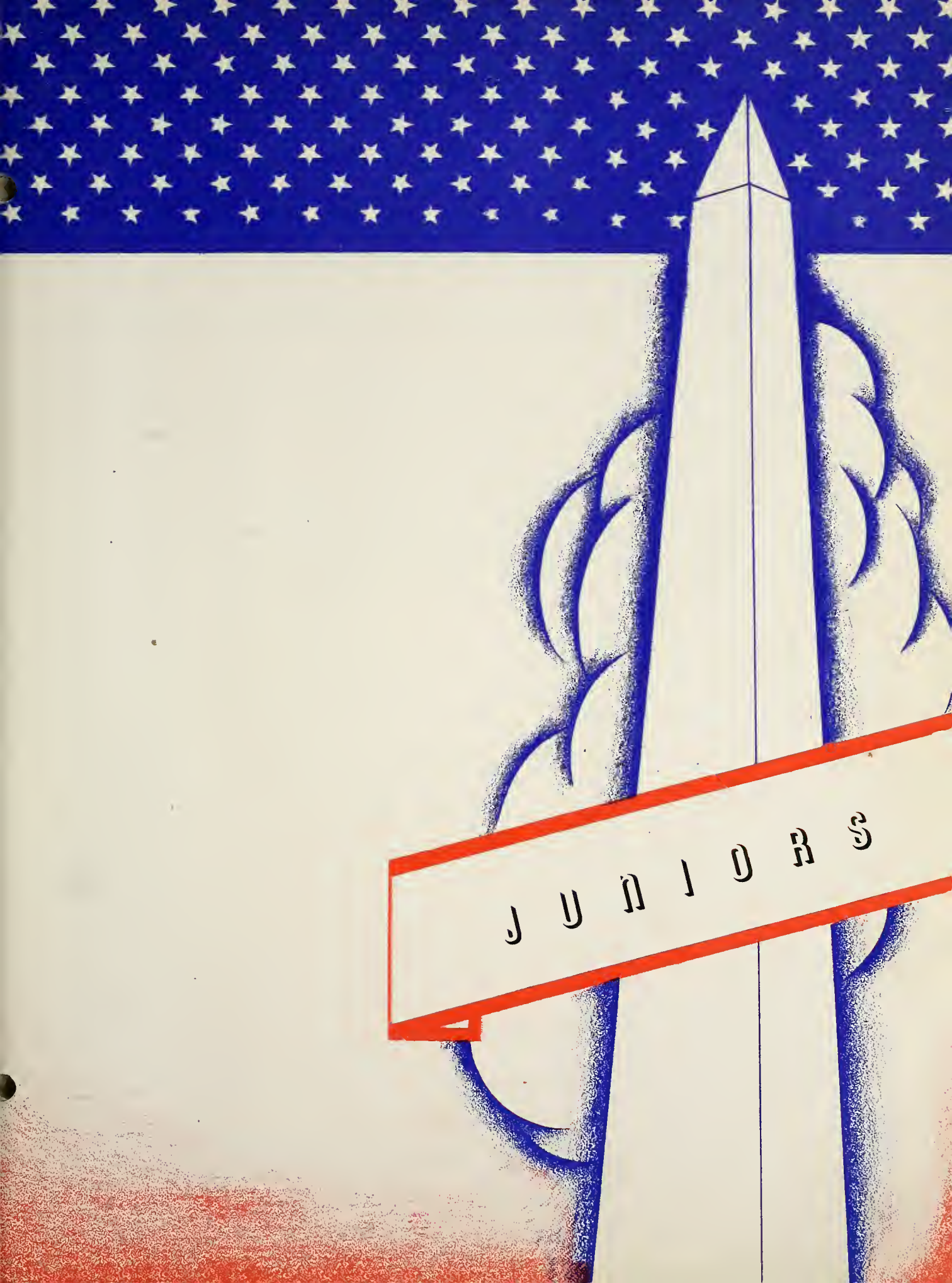
Mary without her gum in classes?

Veda liking Jay?

Eileen without a sailor?







JULIORS



# JUNIORS



Betty Allen	Lary Lou Myers
Dick Rebout	Patricia Moll
Lester Backhus	Katheleen Moll
Jean Foreman	Sherman Myffeler
Norma Fox	Audrey Painter
Phylliss Geisler	Marjore Roe
Ernest Hinderlang	Doyt Sipe
Mary Jones	Paul Speakman
Kathryn Lichtenberger	James Teeple
Robert Luginbill	Lildred Tricker
Bud McCullough	Freida Williamson
Chalmer Miller	Donald Winans
Bill Myers	Peck Werling
Georgia Myers	







## JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

We Juniors as Freshmen started out with forty-five members, but due to moving we were reduced to forty-three. Our class officers were:

President.....Peck Werling  
Vice-President.....Art Hurst  
Sec. & Treas.....Chalmer Miller  
Sponsor.....Mrs. Fortney

We had one class party. It was held at Pat Noll's home. Games and refreshments were served.

In our Sophomore year we came back to school with thirty-three members.

Our class officers were as follows:

President.....Pat Noll  
Vice-President.....Mary Lou Myers  
Sec. & Treas.....Eugene Luginbill  
Sponsor.....Mr. Ross

Two parties were held during the year, the first one at Mary Lou Myers where a hayride and outdoor games were enjoyed. The second at Ilean Geyer's. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. It was too rainy to play games out of doors, so all games were played inside, but we still had a swell time.

Then we started back to school as Jolly Juniors with twenty-seven members. Thinking we had now grown up, were going to settle down, but later we saw we wouldn't (which all the teachers soon found out).

Class Officers were as follows:

President.....Chalmer Miller  
Vice-President.....Bob Luginbill  
Sec. & Treas.....Mary Lou Myers  
Sponsor.....Mrs. Yager

Two parties were held, first at Norma Fox's where we all enjoyed a hay ride although we had a little trouble with a flat tire, we still had the ride.

The second one was at Marjorie Roe's, a farewell party for Eugene Luginbill who was going into Uncle Sam's Army. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Now we are looking forward to coming back as dignified seniors next year.

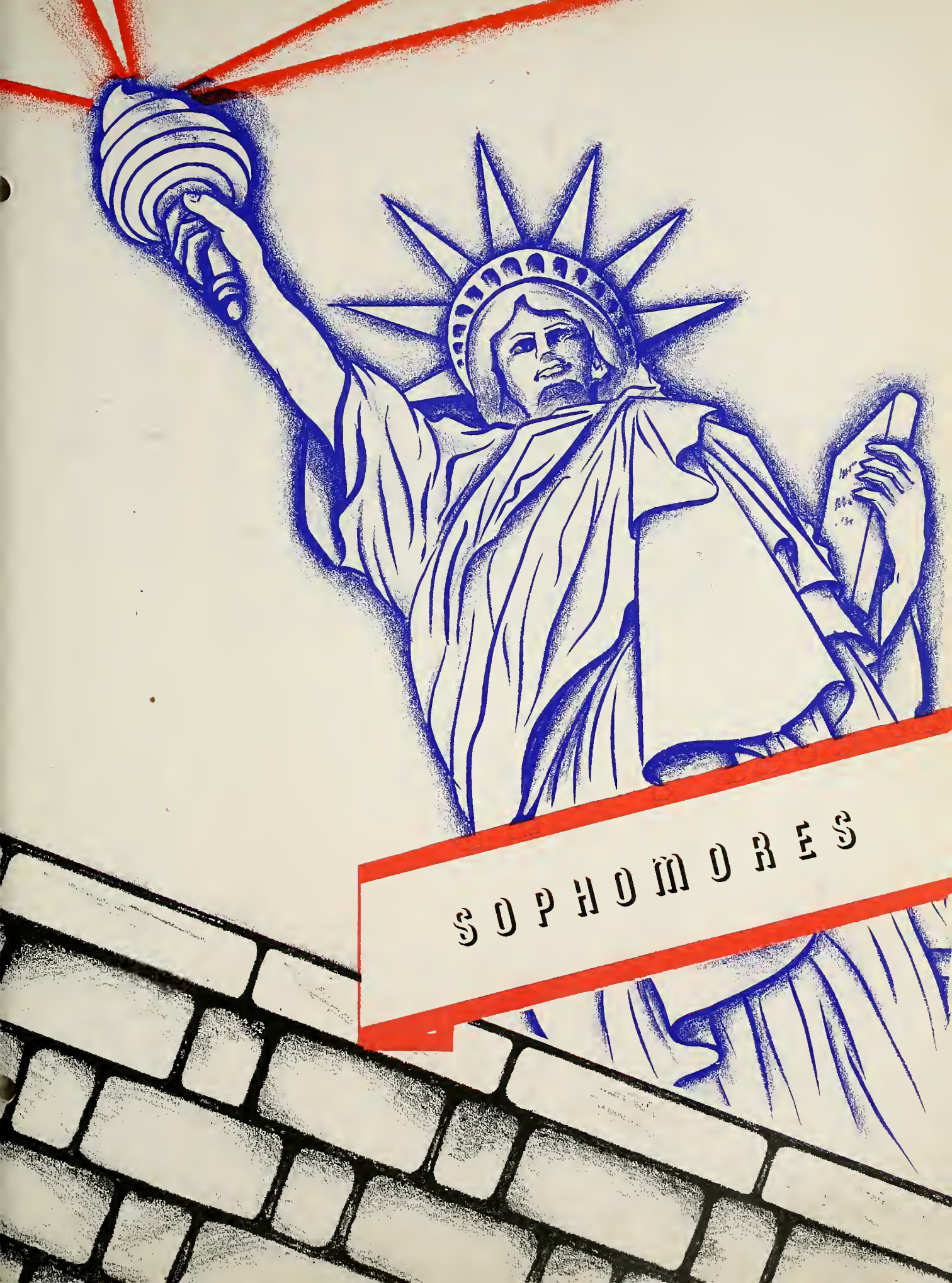
Presented the class play, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works", proved very good. Mrs. Yager was our director, with Mrs. Andrews assistance.

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SOPHOMORES





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Norma Archer

Leo Bailey

Bonnie Bebout

Max Case

Clyde Daniels

Raymond Ehrsam

Jean Everett

Glen Pegley

Leonard Fox

Robert Jonnson

Bernice King

Catherine Luginbill

Jean Manley

Mary Nooner

Ned Ray

Bob Riley

Enid Ripley

Dick Shoaf

Betty Sipe

Wanita Thatcher

James Tumbleson

Junior White

Warren Wolfe



## SOPHOMORE HISTORY

The Freshmen class of 1943-44, entered Pleasant Mills High School with thirty-two green Freshmen. Some moved and reduced it to thirty.

Class Officers were as follows:

President.....	Ted Reinhart
Vice-President.....	Richard Shoaf
Sec. & Treas.....	Bonnie Bebout
Sponsor.....	Mr. Coppess

Two parties were held during the year. One at the home of Bonnie Bebout, and the other at the school house.

Coming back in the fall we entered our Sophomore year with twenty-six students.

We chose the following class officers:

President.....	Floyd Suman
Vice-President.....	Max Case
Secretary.....	Clyde Daniels
Treasurer.....	Ray Ehram
Sponsor.....	Mrs. Andrews

One party was held during the year at the home of Rose Merriman. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

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Phyllis Morrison

Edna Myers

Paul Miller

Helen Railing

Rose Roebuck

Robert Sprunger

Doyle Strayer

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Robert Tumblson

Grace Winans

Beatrice Rodridgiz

Faye Wolfe

Norman Young





## FRESHMEN CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1944, thirty-two Freshmen entered Pleasant Mills High School. They were unaccustomed to the routine of High School life and showed it very much. The Freshman class elected the following officers:

President.....Doyle Strayer  
Vice-President.....Norman Fosnaugh  
Sec. & Treas.....Berthlean Geyer  
Sponsor.....Mr. Coppess

We had one party during the school year at the home of Patricia Geisler.

The Freshmen were as follows:

Donna Ainsworth	Kenneth Kiser
Lois Bauman	Leonard King
Donald Barkley	Margaret Luginbill
Robert Drake	Phyllis Morrison
Wayne Brodbeck	Edna Myers
Jacqueline Byer	Paul Miller
Richard Bollenbacher	Helen Railing
Vera Cottrell	Rose Roebuck
Donald Clouse	Robert Sprunger
Ada Everett	Doyle Strayer
Rowena Fortney	Dick Shell
Norman Fosnaugh	Robert Tumbleson
Esther Foreman	Grace Winans
Patricia Geisler	Beatrice Rodridgiz
Berthlean Geyer	Faye Wolfe
Dorothy Irvin	Norman Young

Donald Barkley moved after Christmas. Vera Cottrell and Beatrice Rodridgiz quit.



"THE GRADES" (1-c)



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MRS. BRAYTON, teacher



THIRD & FOURTH GRADES  
MRS. COLE, teacher



FIFTH & SIXTH GRADES  
MRS. MILLS, teacher



SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES  
MRS. ROSS, teacher





## THE GRADES HISTORY

The Primary Room of the Pleasant Mills School has thirty pupils enrolled under the guidance of Mrs. Brayton. There are fifteen boys and fifteen girls.

Besides the regular course of study we have studied the children of other lands. In the fall we helped in the collecting of milk weed pods.

We have had three parties. We made scrap books for the soldiers and turned them into the Red Cross to distribute.

We entertained the FARMERS with a special program and on February 6, we entertained the visiting trustees.

We hope to have a tea to entertain our mothers and also a picnic.

On the morning of September 5, 1944, a group of eighteen children entered their room. Six of these were in the 3rd. grade and thirteen in the 4th. Mrs. Cole is our teacher and she is liked by all.

We had a nice Christmas Party with Santa Claus present. He gave each of us a gift and treat.

We also had a part in the FARMER'S INSTITUTE with a short program.

Other special interests of the year were our Valentine Box and our class basketball games which the boys enjoyed very much.

Twenty-eight happy children entered the fifth and sixth grades in September with Mrs. Mills as our teacher.

Don Suman, one of the sixth graders had the misfortune to be hit in the head by a ball bat. It was a bad cut and required several stitches to close it.

At Christmas time we exchanged names for gifts. We all went together and bought our teacher a nice gift. Santa visited our room, distributing treats.

We are planning a picnic before school closes.

The Seventh and Eighth Grades taught by Mrs. Ross had an enrollment of 29 members for this year. Norman Wolfe and Ralph Smith entered from other schools. We lost two students during the first semester.

Our boys had a very good basketball team and had a chance to play several outside schools. Ann Werling and Rosella Burkhart served our boys as yell-leaders.







# ACTIVITIES





Professor, How Could You

A Farce in Three Acts

presented by

Junior Class

Pleasant Mills High School

March 29, 1944

7:45 P.M.

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Cast of Characters

Keats Perry.....	Donald Strayer
Vicky Randolph.....	Wilma Bailey
Grandma Perry.....	Dora Mae McCullough
Grandpa Perry.....	Verlyn Geyer
John Appleby.....	James Daniels
Priscilla Morley.....	Doris Byer
Tootsie Bean.....	Cleora White
Butcher Boy.....	Marvin Sprunger
Valerie Whitman.....	Eileen Gephart
Boggins.....	Lawrence Brodbeck
Three Children.....	Ellen Jones, Roger Frey Jerry Price

Victory Pagent Afterwards

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MARVIN SPRUNGER

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LEE SPEAKMAN  
JUNIOR HUFFMAN

BUSINESS MANAGER:  
DONALD STRAYER





Nobody but Nancy

3 act comedy

Pleasant Mills High School

by

Senior Class

February 14, 1945

7:30 P.M.

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Cast of Characters

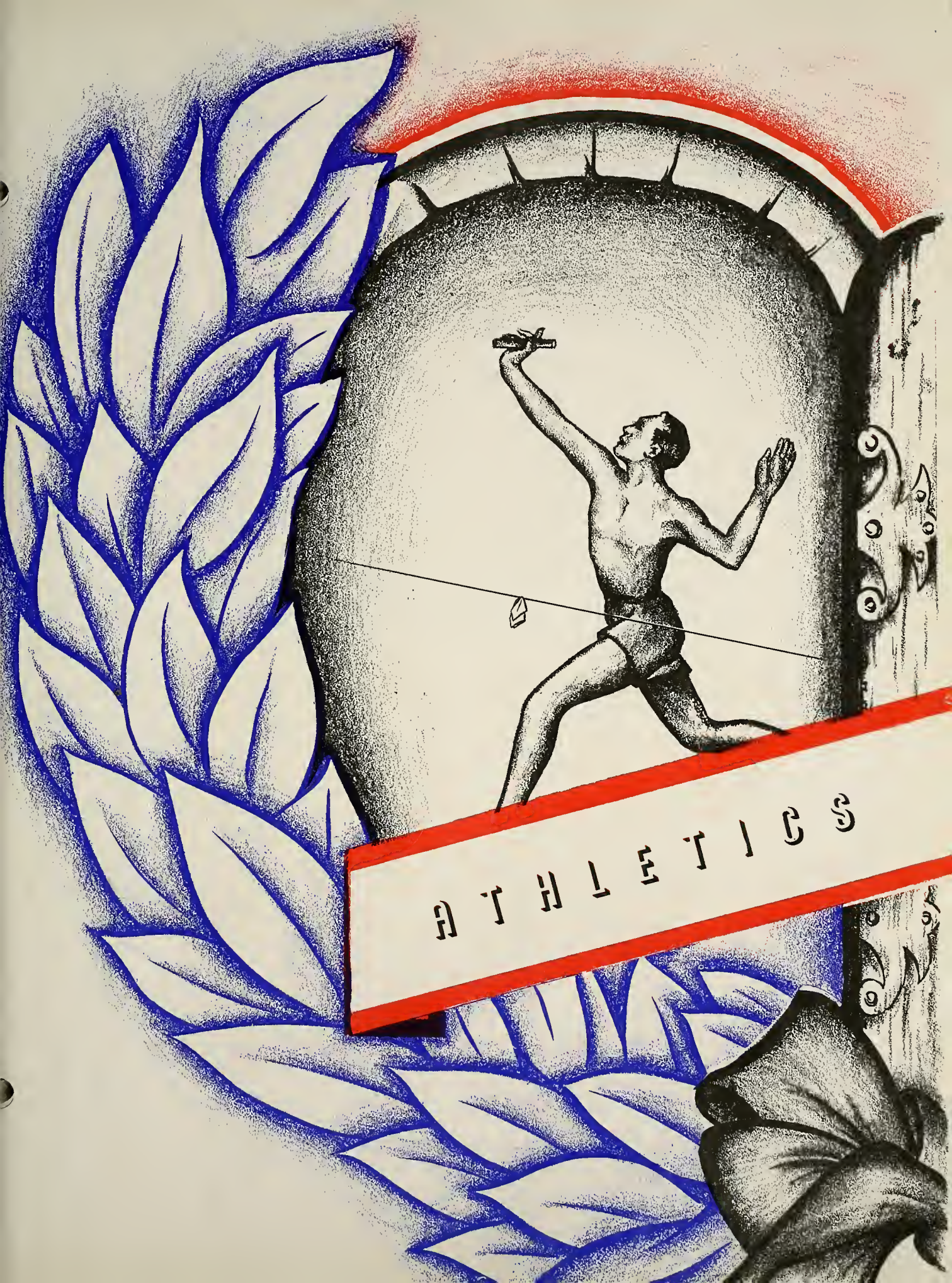
Nancy King.....	Doris Byer
Sarah Andrews.....	Dora Mae McCullough
Sue Andrews.....	Eileen Gephart
Adeline Perkins.....	Veda Williamson
Luella Crawford.....	Cleora White
Fanny.....	Jean Ray
Larry Wilson.....	Lee Whitacre
Ted Porter.....	Marvin Sprunger
Adam King.....	Verlyn Geyer
Jimmy McCabe.....	Robert Miller

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Mrs. Andrews was our sponsor, with Mrs. Yager's assistance. We had a conflict when Jim Daniels our leading male character was called to the service and Lee Whitacre then accepted the part which in doing so delayed the play.







ATHLETICS







"THE TEAM"

Coach- Mr. Coppess



Ned Ray  
Clyde Daniels  
Lee Speakman  
Paul Speakman  
Peck Werling  
Marvin Sprunger  
Robert Miller  
Verlyn Geyer  
Doyt Sipe  
Lee Whitacre  
Chal Miller

James Teeple  
Doyle Strayer  
Jim Daniels  
Don Strayer

Student Manager  
Bud McCullough

YELL-LEADERS

Wilma Bailey

Bonnie Bebout

Mary Lou Myers



### SPARTAN'S OUTCOME

As the school year of 1944-45 opened, there appeared to be a fine chance for a winning team at P.M.H.S.

There seemed to be a fine balance of speed and height. The height so badly needed was promised to be well taken care of by Brodbeck, Strayer, and Watkins, with plenty of speed to balance the team.

The first of a long succession of blows hit the team at this time. The six-foot, one-inch Brodbeck and husky Watkins, who was only a shade under the six-foot mark, were taken by Uncle Sam.

The team however, played credible ball and seemed to have reached their height when they beat Monroe 41-21. In the following game with Kirkland, Sipe received a broken leg and was out the rest of the season.

As the time approached for the County Tourney, Luginbill left the team for the rest of the season with injuries. Then fate dealt the team a paralyzing blow when Strayer and Daniels entered the navy.

During the season McMillen having enlisted in the Navy withdrew from the team while awaiting his call. After waiting for a considerable length of time, he failed to pass the physical exam, but by this time it was too late for him to rejoin the team.

Bob Miller, forward, was on and off as a result of injuries and illness. After being confined to the hospital late in the season, he was not able to get back to his old form and as a result, his fine early season game suffered to some extent.

The ordinary team would have been ready to give up in the face of all the trouble it had been forced to meet. But not these Spartans. A more courageous team never stepped onto the hardwood. They went out there and despite everything, played hard and heads-





up ball and gave the fans a run for their money.

The team feels indebted to its fine followers for their support during this season which has been so upset by the war.

We're hoping for a fine Spartan team next year.

#### PLEASANT MILLS SPARTANS

44-45

Verlyn Geyer (No. 7) Better known as "Morggy" was the fastest man on the team. Morggy liked to play the pivot and was usually always successful in sinking a few baskets. Verlyn played basketball all four years and was on the first team squad two years.

Robert Miller (No. 6) Better known as "Shaggy" was the shortest man on the team. But he made up for that in almost every game by hitting one-hand shots from the side. Bob played basketball all four years and was on the first team squad two years. Bob was unable to play all season because of sickness.

Melvin Werling (No. 3) Better known as "Peck" was the one who had to handle all the big boys because he played center. Peck has been on the first team squad three years and hopes to be back again next year.

Lee Speakman (No. 8) Better known as "Mole" was the man who liked to play sleeper and put in those tip in shots. He was also a good long shot. Mole played basketball all four years and was on the first team squad two years.

Marvin Sprunger (No. 4) Better known as "Wimpy". Marvin was on the first team squad for one year but has played basketball for four years. Marvin liked to put in baskets by driving or charging in under the basket.

Paul Speakman (No. 9) Better known as "Moose" was a good long shot from the sides. Moose has played three years but this is his first year on



the squad. Being only a Junior he expects to be back fighting for the Spartans again next year.

Jim Teeple (No. 10) Better known as "Red Bone" is a Junior this year and will be back again next year to fight for the Spartans. Jim was qualified for the first team and was of much help to the team.

Chalmer Miller (No. 13) Better known by his friends as "Furote". Chal is a Junior and will be back next year to fight for P.M.H.S. He was qualified for the first team and proved very valuable.

Doyle Strayer (No. 11) Better known as "Rue" is a Freshman and will be back his last three years of high school to fight for the Spartans. He was qualified as one of the first ten players.

Doyt Sipe (No. 10) Doyt played the first half of the season and had the misfortune of breaking his leg on the night of December 22, in the beginning of the Kirkland game. We hope Doyt will be back next year.

Donald Strayer, Jim Daniels, Lee Whitacre--All three are Seniors. Jim and Don played 8 games during the season and competed in the County Tourney. They entered the Navy on January 17. Lee Whitacre came out for basketball the last half of the season and played most of his games on the second team.

Wilma Bailey for the Senior Class, Mary Lou Myers from the Junior Class, and Bonnie Bebout from the Sophomore Class were the cheer leaders. They did a good job. It was the first year for any of the girls.

Mr. Coppess, our Coach, was very interested in the boys and their games and was very anxious for them to win. In spite of all the handicaps from injuries and boys entering the service, he kept the team organized splendidly. Mr. Coppess is well liked by his team and all his students.





Scores of the games throughout the basketball season.

Pleasant Mills--61	Jefferson--11
Pleasant Mills--34	Kirkland---41
Pleasant Mills--26	Berne-----48
Pleasant Mills--24	Monmouth---17
Pleasant Mills--34	Hartford---46
Pleasant Mills--28	Rockford---33
Pleasant Mills--41	Monroe-----21
Pleasant Mills--28	Commodores-39
Pleasant Mills--26	Kirkland---36
Pleasant Mills--26	Monroe-----28
Pleasant Mills--35	Geneva-----51
Pleasant Mills--18	Decatur----44
Pleasant Mills--25	Rockford---33
Pleasant Mills--55	Jefferson--14
Pleasant Mills--32	Wren-----46
Pleasant Mills--24	Commodores-34
Pleasant Mills--29	Monmouth---32

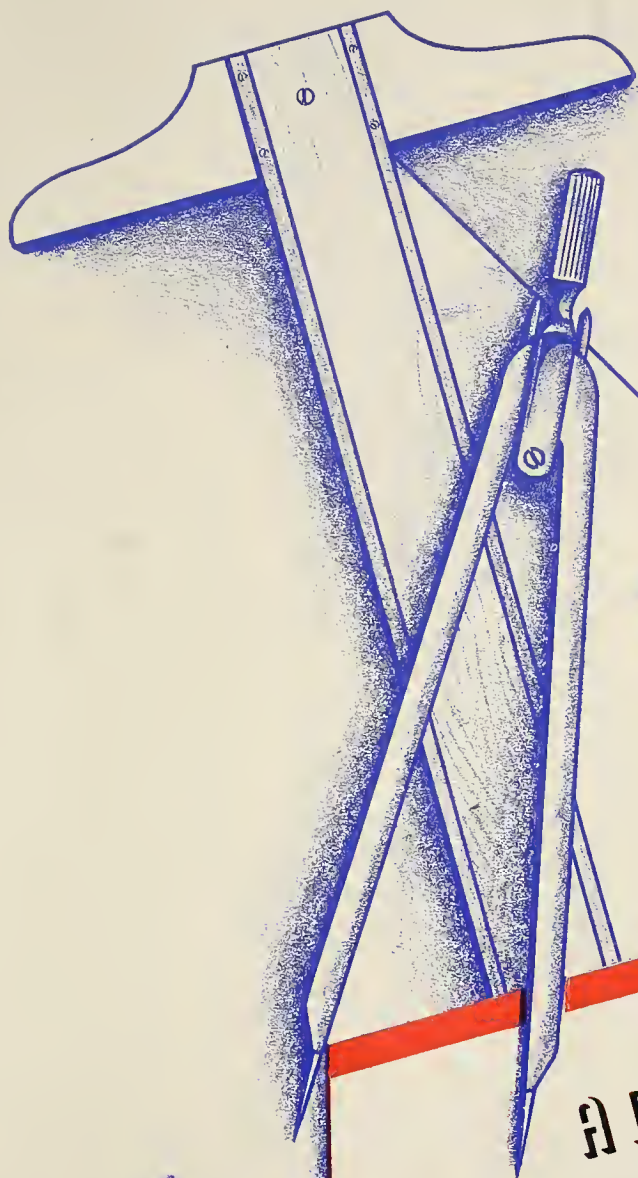
County Tourney

Pleasant Mills--26	Monroe-----28
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Sectional Tourney

Pleasant Mills--22	Kirkland---36
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